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January 9, 1990

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Mr. Edward F. Hawkins, Chief Licensing Branch 1 Uranium Recovery Field Office U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Box 25325 Denver, Colorado 80225

Re: License SUA-1473 Docket No. 40-8905

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

In accordance with license condition #13 of the above referenced source material license, Quivira Mining Company is operating nine (9) ion exchange columns to recover uranium from mine discharge waters. Six (6) of the columns are located at the mill facility and the other three (3) columns at the Section 35-36 water treatment facility. Currently, Quivira does not have any units operating underground at the mines.

Sincerely,

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