

WMUR: 402.4

WM-5
PDR
Return to WMA
623-S



WYOMING MINING ASSOCIATION

HAROLD MEIER
Teton Exploration Drilling
President

CHARLES SMITH
Thunderbasin Coal Co.
Vice President

PHONE 635-0331
AREA CODE 307

JUD WHITMAN
Petrotomics
Secretary-Treasurer

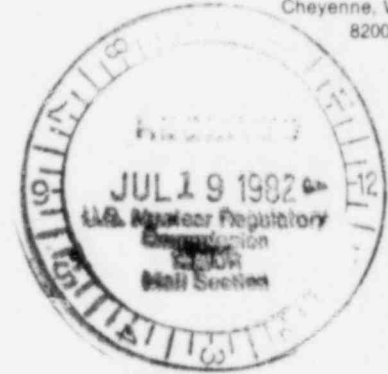
WILLIAM H. BUDD, JR.
Executive Vice President

HITCHING POST INN

MARION E. LOOMIS
Associate Vice President

P.O. Box 866
Cheyenne, Wyoming
82003

July 14, 1982



DIRECTORS

DON CLUCAS
Dresser Minerals
Greybull

Ross A. Scarano, Chief
Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch
Division of Waste Management
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

JOHN CORRA
FMC Corp., Natural Resources
Kemmerer

Re: Draft Staff Technical
Position Paper WMA-8203

JIM DAVIS
Rocky Mountain Energy
Broomfield

Dear Mr. Scarano:

DAVE DELLING
Tenneco Oil Company
Green River

The In Situ Leach Committee of the Wyoming Mining Association (WMA) wishes to thank you for sending to our organization a copy of the draft position paper entitled "Hydrogeological Characterization of Uranium Solution Mine and Mill Tailings Disposal Sites". The In Situ Leach Committee is currently reviewing the draft position paper; however, because of our own organizational structure and the need to get comments from a number of different companies, it will not be possible to have our responses in your hands by July 15, 1982. We will of course endeavor to provide you with our comments as soon as we are able to do so.

ROBERT DUERLOO
Nerco, Western Mining Div.
Sheridan

LARRY DYKERS
Minerals Exploration Co.
Rawlins

NELSON FUTCH
Mobil Coal Producing In.
Gillette

At this time, I would like to briefly express a concern that the In Situ Leach Committee has with the overall approach of this position paper and other formal and informal guidelines that the NRC uses in regulating in situ mining. The concern is the lumping together of in situ solution mining, and conventional mining/milling. We believe that the NRC and both mining groups would be better served if these two types of mining were kept completely separate in the regulatory process.

BILL GARLAND
Allied Chemical
Green River

JOE M. HAMNER
Carter Mining Co.
Gillette

RUSS HYNES
Federal Bentonite
Belle Fourche

Thank you again for providing us an opportunity to comment on the draft position paper. We look forward to working with you and your staff on developing a sound and reasonable hydrogeologic position paper.

ROD KVIDAHL
FMC Corporation
Green River

JACK LANDON
Kerr McGee Coal Corp.
Oklahoma City

THOMAS THORSON
Black Hills Bentonite
Mills

Sincerely,

William H. Budd, Jr.
William H. Budd, Jr.
Executive Vice President

8208040339 820714
PDR WASTE
WM-5

PDR

WHB:pm

20584