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Mr. George Gnugnoli
Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
7915 Eastern Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910



Re: Hanksville Buying Station
SUA-1325, Docket No. 40-8675

Dear Mr. Gnugnoli:

The last ore was hauled from the Hanksville Buying Station on March 25, 1982. Moreover, the facility has been inactive as an ore receiving facility since September 1979. Decommissioning and reclamation schedules are uncertain at the present time, but will occur prior to license renewal. There are no plans to reopen the facility as an ore buying station.

As you know, Energy Fuels has been maintaining a relatively extensive monitoring program, considering the type of facility and the fact that it has been inactive for some time. Maintaining the monitoring program is costly in terms of both money and manpower. Because of the distance from the White Mesa Mill, which is the base of operations for Energy Fuels Nuclear in that area, it is necessary that a local person be hired to change filters and make general checks on the system. In addition, a staff member from the White Mesa Mill must make a monthly trip to Hanksville (85 miles one way) to check equipment and collect samples.

Presently we are monitoring direct radiation, radon, and air particulates. Due to well failure, we have not been able to collect a groundwater sample since the spring of 1981. With regard to the latter, recall that a monitor well, per se, was not installed at the facility, but rather samples were taken from a well drilled for process water and dust control. Because the facility was inactive and unmanned, the well ceased to function, and is now totally unusable.

Under the circumstances, we believe it would be acceptable to suspend the monitoring program at Hanksville, as the information would tend to render meaningless results now that all ore has been removed. We trust you will concur, and will proceed to process a license amendment which will grant this

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relief. Please advise us of any additional information you may require.

Sincerely yours,



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Manager, Regulatory Compliance

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