

August 27, 1982

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-IV-82-34

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SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR URANIUM MILL REGULATION

Since April 1980, NMSS, OSP, and Region IV have been involved in negotiations with the State of Wyoming to develop a memorandum of understanding for the regulation of nonradiological hazards associated with uranium milling. The pace of these negotiations has been slow due to numerous problems and inability to reach agreement on several key issues.

On August 19, 1982, Wyoming officials met to discuss the MOU progress. Based on discussions by his staff and other persons present at that meeting, Governor Herschler has decided to withdraw the memorandum from further consideration.

The Governor indicated the States' intent to continue cooperating with the NRC and believes Wyoming should not assert an active regulatory presence in the uranium mill area as long as the NRC is doing an adequate job.

There has been media interest concerning the Governor's decision.

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