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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ross A. Scarano, Chief  
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 Division of Waste Management

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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF NPDES PERMIT FOR ROCKY MOUNTAIN ENERGY  
 COMPANY (RMEC) NINE MILE LAKE OPERATION AND  
 RECOMMENDATION FOR AMENDMENT OF LICENSE CONDITION  
 NO. 29 OF SOURCE MATERIAL LICENSE SUA-1228, AMENDMENT  
 NO. 4

Pursuant to License Condition No. 29 of Source Material License No. SUA-1228, RMEC submitted a copy of the NPDES permit, that was jointly issued by the Wyoming DEQ and the EPA. RMEC has currently been operating under a temporary authorization to discharge that expires on September 30, 1982.

The reason for requiring this submittal was to ensure that the NPDES permit covers the same points as the temporary authorization. Based upon review of the NPDES permit the NRC staff has concluded that the NPDES permit covers the same points as the temporary authorization and is satisfactory.

It is therefore recommended that License Condition No. 29 be modified as follows. Currently the Condition reads as follows:

- 29. No surface discharges from the above-ground processing facility shall be permitted unless first treated for the removal of Ra-226 and discharged in accordance with an NPDES permit or authorization to discharge from the state of Wyoming pending issuance of a NPDES permit. A copy of the NPDES permit shall be submitted to NRC, Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch within 30 days of issuance.

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The recommended modification is to delete the last sentence which requires submittal of the NPDES permit and the reference to the temporary "authorization to discharge" since this requirement has already been fulfilled. The revised condition reads as follows:

- 29. No surface discharges from the above-ground processing facility shall be permitted unless first treated for the removal of Ra-226 and discharged in accordance with an NPDES Permit No. WY-0030830 from the state of Wyoming.

This amendment was discussed with RMEC's Michael Neumann who raised no objections.

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