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Docket No. 40-9024

Energy Fuels Nuclear, Inc.
ATTN: William J. Almas, Manager
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Dear Mr. Almas:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has finalized the review schedule of your company's source material license application addressing proposed uranium solution mining near Reno Creek, Wyoming. Your request for a compressed review schedule, based on the absence of yellowcake concentration, precipitation, and drying on site, was considered in arriving at the review schedule. Unfortunately, the potential time-savings for the review, provided by not performing these operations onsite, did not significantly reduce the amount of review time. A major portion of the NRC staff's review for ISL licensing normally focuses on potential safety and environmental effects associated with ground-water issues. The yellowcake concentration and drying operations do not usually affect the ground-water regime.

The milestones and schedule for the license review is as follows:

EFN	Reno Creek In-situ License Application Review	Projected Completion
	EFN submits application	
a. b.	Meet with applicant to discuss facility	02/15/94
	Establish milestones and review schedule	02/25/94
c.	Docket transferred from URFO, review begins	03/15/94
	Initial staff review, issue Q1's	05/18/94
e.		07/13/94
f.	Applicant responses to Q1's	08/24/94
g. h.	Staff review, issue Q2's	10/26/94
	Applicant responses to Q2's	12/30/94
i.	EA completed	12/30/94
j.	SER completed	01/11/95
k.	Publish Notice of Prop. Action	02/15/95
1.	License issued	05/15/30

Licensing date projected with two rounds of review questions. A single round of review questions (Q1's) will place the licensing date at 12/14/94.

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If you have any comments or questions concerning the schedule, please contact Mr. Michael Layton in Headquarters at (301) 504-2584, or Mr. Joel Grimm at (303) 231-5806.

Sincerely,

Raymond O. Gonzales Acting Director

Enclosure: As Stated

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