U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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URANERZ U.S.A., INC.

FINAL FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT REGARDING THE TERMINATION OF SOURCE MATERIAL LICENSE SUA-1401 AUTHORIZING THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OPERATION OF THE RUTH IN-SITU LEACH PROJECT LOCATED IN JOHNSON COUNTY, WYOMING.

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

ACTION: Notice of Final Finding of No Significant Impact

1. Proposed Action

The proposed administrative action is to terminate Source Material License SUA-1401.

2. Reasons for Final Finding of No Significant Impact

An environmental assessment was prepared by the staff at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Uranium Recovery Field Office, Region IV. The environmental assessment performed by the Commission's staff evaluated potential impacts on-site and off-site due to radiological releases that may occur during the course of the operation of the commercial Ruth in-situ leach project. Based on the review of the operational data and the Uranerz U.S.A, Inc. application materials, the Commission has determined that no significant impact will result from operation of the commercial site. The proposed action is to incorporate remaining liabilities associated with the Ruth R&D site dealing with bonding and residual contaminated materials into the Ruth commercial license. This licensing action has taken place and therefore, the Ruth R&D license may be terminated without any impacts.

In consideration of this situation, the Director of the Uranium Recovery Field Office, in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51.35 is issuing a final finding of no significant impact. Concurrent with the publication of this finding, the Commission's Uranium Recovery Field Office will terminate Source Material License SUA-1401.

Dated at Denver, Colorado, this 2 day of February, 1991.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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