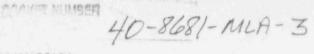


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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Administrative Judge James P. G. Rason

Presiding Officer

UMETCO MINERALS CORPORATION Docket No. 40-8681-MLA-3

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FROM:

John C. Hoyle, Acting Secretary

SUBJECT:

REQUEST FOR HEARING SUBMITTED BY

STEVE ERICKSON ON BEHALF OF

DOWNWINDERS, INC.

Attached for your consideration is a second request for a hearing on the proposed amendment to the license of the Umetco Minerals Corporation that would allow Umetco's White Mesa Mill to receive and dispose of materials for the Department of Energy's Monticello Tailings Project. This request was provided by Steve Erickson on behalf of Downwinders, Inc. to the Uranium Recovery Field Office, in Region IV. That office forwarded the hearing request to Headquarters (See attached letter of May 20, 1994). Counsel for the NRC Staff provided the Office of the Secretary with a copy on May 31, 1994.

I am referring this request to you for appropriate action pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Sec. 2.1261.

Attachments: As stated

cc:

Commission Legal Assistants B. Paul Cotter, Jr., ASLBP

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Downwinders ATTN: Steve Erickson 961 East 600 South Salt Lake City, UT 84102

Dear Mr. Erickson:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter to me dated May 12, 1994. In that letter, you requested a public hearing pursuant to 10 CFR 2.1205. Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.1203(b) and 2.1205(e), your request should have been filed with the NRC's Office of the Secretary, with copies served upon the applicant and the NRC's Executive Director for Operations. By copy of this letter, I am forwarding your request to the Executive Director for Operations, and to the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards. You remain responsible for serving a copy of your hearing request upon the applicant, Umetco Minerals

As a portion of the plan for closure of the Uranium Recovery Field Office, regulatory authority over the White Mesa mill will transfer to the Division of Waste Management in the Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards effective May 28, 1994. Please address future correspondence regarding this facility to:

Mr. Joseph J. Holonich, Chief
High-Level Waste and Uranium Recovery Projects Branch
Division of Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Should you wish to contact the Project Manager for this facility, you may call Sandra Wastler, who may be reached on (301) 415-6724.

Ramon E. Hall

Director

Enclosure: As stated

cc: OEDO, (17 G21) W. Sinclair, RCPD, Utah May 12, 1994

Mr. Raymond E. Hail. Director
Uranium Recovery Field office, Region IV
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
P.O. Box 25235
Lakewood, CO 80225



Dear Mr. Hall,

Downwinders, Inc., a non-profit, educational foundation, hereby requests a public hearing pursuant to the procedures set forth in 10 CFR 2.2105 on the requested amendment to the Source Material License SUA-1358 for the Umetco Minerals Corporation White Mesa Mill to allow receipt and disposal of materials from the Department of Energy's Monticello Tailings Project. Please notify me as soon as possible of your response to this request.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steve Erickson for Downwinders

c/o 961 East 600 South Salt Lake City. UT 84102

(801) 359-4929

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cc: William Sinclair, Director, Utah Division of Radiation Control

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of

UMETCO MINERALS CORPORATION

(Source Materials License No. SUA-1358)

Docket No.(s) 40-8681-MLA-3

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing SECY REFERRAL OF HEARING... have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, except as otherwise noted and in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Sec. 2.712.

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Steve Erickson for Downwinders, Inc. c/o 961 East 600 South Salt Lake City, UT 84102 Docket No.(s)40-8681-MLA-3 SECY REFERRAL OF HEARING...

Dated at Rockville, Md. this 1 day of June 1994

Office of the Secretary of the Commission