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Kennecott Mineral Corporation ATTN: Bob Folsom 1515 Mineral Square Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Gentlemen:

This refers to our recent telephone conversations concerning the suitability of your facilities located at Bingham Canyon Mine for unrestricted use.

As discussed, you will be submitting for our review a copy of the results of the radiation surveys you perform of the facility to ensure that no contamination exists. We have enclosed a copy of "Guidelines for Decontamination of Facilities and Equipment Prior to Release for Unrestricted Use or Termination of Licenses for Byproduct Source or Special Nuclear Material" to help you in providing the necessary information. A report of the results of your surveys should be sent to my attention and to the attention of Glen D. Brown, Chief of our Region IV Office of Inspection and Enforcement, Technical Inspection Branch. Their mailing address is 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000, Arlington, Texas 76012. We will also send a memorandum to their office concerning your case.

Sincerely,

J. Bruce Carrico

Material Licensing Branch Division of Fuel Cycle and

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cc: G. Brown, Region IV

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February 17, 1982

Mr. Paul Taylor Kennecott Minerals Environmental Engineering Section Salt Lake City, Utah

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Subject: Preliminary Radiological Survey of Verona Pilot Plant

Dear Mr. Taylor:

On February 12, 1982 I made a preliminary Radiological Survey of the Verona Pilot Plant used for Uranium Extraction from Copper Leach Solution. The results of this survey indicated the following:

- Exterior surfaces of the eluant columns, associated piping, valves and support structures were found to be free of any contamination whatsoever.
- 2. Interior surfaces of the eluant column piping and valve system, where accessible, were also found to be clean; however, after identification of the appropriate lines carrying the "pregnant eluant" is made, a none extensive survey of that piping system is recommended.
- 3. The solvent extraction building which housed precipitated Uranium product was found to have several areas of localized contamination and contained several empty drums which exhibited surface contamination levels above the limits prescribed by "ANNEX A" (Guidelines for Dεcontamination of Facilities and Equipment Prior to Release for Unrestricted use or Termination of Licenses for By Product, Source, or Special Nuclear Material U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety, Washington, D. C. 20555, November 1976.)

I recommend that those areas and equipment so identified be decontaminated by applicable and convenient methods and re-surveyed prior to release for unrestricted use.

If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 364-1071.

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Radiation Protection Officer Wyoming Mineral Corporation

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February 26, 1982

Mr. Paul Taylor Kennecott Minerals Environmental Engineering Section Salt Lake City, Utah

Subject: Continued Radiological Survey of the Verona Pilot Plant

Dear Mr. Taylor:

After having identified the process system from the engineering drawings of the Verona Pilot Plant you provided, it can be reasonably assumed that those areas of the process system which would potentially exhibit Alpha Contamination levels in excess of the limits specified in "Annex A" would consist of the following:

- The four eluant columns where uranium is stripped off the ion exchange resin
- 2. The eluant holding tank
- 3. The associated piping system carrying off the "loaded eluant"
- 4. The solvent extraction building and associated plumbing.

After making a preliminary radiological survey of the exterior surfaces of these plant systems (letter - R. Berg February 17, 1982) I made a follow up survey on February 19, 1982 which particularly concerned the interior accesses of the eluant columns and interior surface of the associated piping of the system carrying the "pregnant eluant". All appropriate influent and effluent pipe lines were disconnected on the four eluant columns which exposed interior surfaces and made them available for Alpha Swipe sampling. The following is a summary result of that survey:

- 1. Alpha Swipe Smear Survey of the interior of the top and bottoms of the four eluant columns were found to be free of any contamination.
- 2. The interior accesses of the disconnected "pregnant eluant" piping system were also found to be free of contamination, however, I would recommend that those lines in the eluant system be set aside after dismantling and re-surveyed prior to disposal.

- 3. The eluant acid makeup tank contained residual liquid approximately 2400 gallons which exhibited a uranium concentration (<5 ppm) below the limit specified in Code of Federal Regulations Title 10:

 Part 20. Appendix B, Table II. Column II and is, therefore, suitable for release to a unrestricted area. This can best be accomplished by draining the tank into the near by run off stream which is collected and recirculated throughout the Kennecott Dump system anyway.
- 4. The loaded eluant holding tank also contained approximately 125 gallons of residual liquid which has a uranium concentration of 6.5 gm/lit. This solution is not suitable for discharge into the near by stream because it exceeds the limits specified in Title 10: Part 20, Appendix B Column II, Table II. I suggest that when dismantling begins this tank be loaded onto a flatbed truck and taken down to the WMC pumphouse which feeds our plant and dumped and rinsed into the feed sump. The appropriate paper work (i.e. NRC 741 Transfer Form) must accompany this transfer but since we are talking about less than 15 pounds of uranium this can be accomplished under a General License Transfer to the Bingham Canyon Site License SUA 1315, and should meet all regulatory requirements.
- 5. The solvent extraction building which contained several areas of localized contamination spill has now been decontaminated and should be re-surveyed to insure that it is now within the guidelines specified in "Annex A". The empty drums which exhibited surface contamination levels above the limits prescribed in "Annex A" have been transported to the WMC site where applicable decontamination will take place and the appropriate surveys made prior to release for unrestricted use.

If I may be of additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 364-1071.

Sincerely,

R. E. Berge

Radiation Protection Officer Wyoming Mineral Corporation

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A Subsidiary of Westinghouse Electric Corporation

July 8, 1982

Mr. Bob Folsom Kennecott Mineral Corporation Process Technology 1515 Mineral Way Salt Lake City, Utah 84147

Dear Mr. Folsom:

RE: Continued Radiological Survey of Dismantled Piping System - Verona Pilot Plant.

On June 29, 1982 I made an additional Radiological Survey of the disassembled piping system and equipment used in the Verona Pilot Plant, and also a post decontamination survey of SX building after decontamination methods were applied to those areas of localized spill. The disassembled pipe lengths were classed and stacked into separate piles and provided a basis for identifying those particular piping systems which would potentially exhibit alpha contamination levels in excess of limits prescribed in Annex A. The results of this survey indicate the following:

- Exterior surfaces of all pipe sizes and type were extensively surveyed using a PAC-4S Alpha-Counter and Probe, and were found to have surface contamination levels of zero above background.
- 2. Interior surfaces and accesses of the three general piping types were surveyed using Alpha-Smear Survey techniques. All Alpha-Swipe results of these interior surfaces indicate Alpha Contamination levels from <mimimum detectable limits to <10 dpm/100 cm². The limit prescribed in Annex A of removable Alpha Contamination levels is, as you know, 1000 dpm/100 cm².</p>
- Post decontamination survey results of the SX building which contained areas of localized product spill revealed Alpha Contamination levels again below the limits of those prescribed in Annex A.
- 4. A Gamma Radiation Survey of the general area, all equipment, piping systems etc. was also made using a Model E-120 Geiger Mueller Instrument and HP-190 Gamma Probe. Results of this survey indicate Gamma Radiation levels of zero above background in all cases.

(Verona Pilot Plant) Page 2 Final disposition and appropriate decontamination of the fiberglass tank which contains approximately 100 gallons of pregnant solution with a U308 concentration of approximately 7.0 gm/liter is all that needs to be done prior to NRC's approval for abandonment. I recommend that disposal

If I may be of further assistance in this matter, please let me know.

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Sincerely,

R. E. Berg

Radiation Protection Officer Wyoming Mineral Corporation

REB:cc

To: B. Folsom

cc: R. N. Platzke - B. Canyon B. W. Conroy - Lakewood

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July 15, 1982

Mr. Bob Folsom Kennecott Mineral Corporation Process Technology 1515 Mineral Way Salt Lake City, Utah 84147

Dear Mr. Folsom:

Enclosed are the results of the alpha swipe survey that I made on 7/13/82 of the interior surfaces and walls of the tank which contained residual uranium solution recovered from the Verona Plant.

The residual solution in the tank (approximately 100 gallons at a U₃0₈ concentration of 7.0 gm/liter) was disposed of into leach solution stream feeding your sump circulation system after it had been diluted to approximately 8 to 10 times the original volume. This was accomplished prior to transport of the tank to the "P" plant yard where final cleaning and rinsing took place. Disposition of the diluted uranium solution was in accordance with guidelines specified in 10 CFR 20.303.

I am sure that the radiological surveys over the past several months have reasonably identified any areas of possible contamination and that every effort to comply with the appropriate regulations prior to abandonment of a facility has been made.

Good luck with your project and I hope that communications with the NRC can be expeditiously handled.

Sincerely,

R. E. Berg

P.E. Bug

Radiation Protection Officer Wyoming Mineral Corporation Bingham Canyon Site

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License Condition 20 (a)

VERODA PILOT PLANT TANK SURVEY

WYOMING MINERAL CORPORATION
BINGHAM CANYON EXTRACTION PLANT

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