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URFO: PWM
Docket No. 40-4492

MEMORANDUM FOR: Docket File No. 40-4492
FROM: Paul W. Michaud, Project Manager
SUBJECT: MEETING WITH AMERICAN NUCLEAR CORPORATION
DATE: July 29, 1991

Participants:

NRC

Ed Hawkins, Deputy Director
Ray Gonzales, Project Manager
Dawn Jacoby, Project Manager
Paul Michaud, Project Manager

ANC

Stephen Carpenter, President
William Salisbury, Manager, Special Projects

Summary of Discussions: On July 29, 1991, representatives of American Nuclear Corporation (ANC) met with the Deputy Director and several members of his staff in the URFO office. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss ANC's request for an amendment to their license allowing them to dispose of up to 12,500 cubic yards of byproduct material in tailings pond 1.

The NRC's review of this amendment request required ANC to first demonstrate their reclamation plan meets current site closure criteria. ANC indicated a review of their reclamation plan against current criteria is in progress, but requested the issue of the previously submitted amendment request be treated separately from the issue of the reclamation plan.

It was explained to ANC that the current surety amount may not be adequate to cover the reclamation of the additional byproduct material to be disposed under the amendment request. Also, since the existing surety is based on an old cost estimate which has been adjusted for inflation and completed work activities, a modification of the costs to include the additional byproduct material may not provide a valid cost estimate on which to base a surety.

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ANC agreed to examine the status of their reclamation plan and cost estimate. The NRC suggested ANC submit an integrated reclamation plan and cost estimate for the remaining work as part of their review of current closure criteria.

The NRC agreed that if ANC increased their surety amount, for example by allowing the interest on their surety accounts to accrue without withdrawing any amounts, then the issue of the byproduct disposal amendment and the reclamation plan could be considered separately. ANC indicated they would submit a proposal for such a commitment in the near future.


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