

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF INTENT TO PREPARE
A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT CONCERNING
ISSUANCE OF A BYPRODUCT MATERIAL LICENSE FOR THE
HANSEN PROJECT TO BE LOCATED IN FREMONT COUNTY, COLORADO
CYPRUS MINES CORPORATION
DOCKET NO. 40-8748

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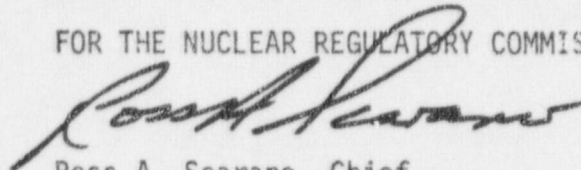
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Dated at Silver Spring, Maryland, this 31st day of October, 1979.

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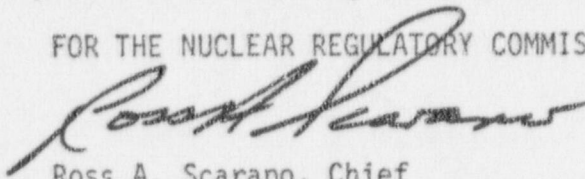
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Cyprus Mines Corporation

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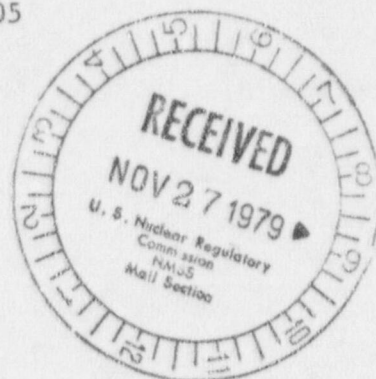
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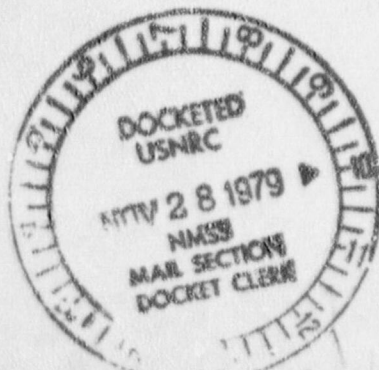
This is to confirm our phone conversation of October 26, 1979 regarding the NRC and state agency tour of the Hansen Project site on November 5, 1979. The purpose of the tour is to familiarize the NRC and their consultants with the Project and the area and to provide an opportunity for discussions on the Project between Federal, State and local officials and company representatives.

I have contacted through you or directly the following people from the State Health Department inviting them to attend.

A. J. Hazle
Richard Gamewell
Kenneth Waesche
Thomas Tistic
Bradley Miller
Robert Shukle

Individuals from the EPA, the State Engineers Office, the Colorado Geological Survey, the Colorado Division of Wildlife and the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board staff are also being contacted and invited to attend.

The tour will start at 8:00 a.m., November 5th from the Ramada Inn in Canon City. We anticipate that it will last all day. We hope that you and the others from the Department of Health will be able to attend.



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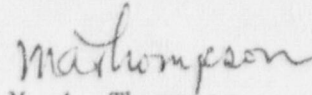
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Mr. James Montgomery
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Please let me know how many from the Department will be participating so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Very truly yours,



M. A. Thompson
Principal Licensing Engineer

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cc: ~~Madonna Krug - NRC~~

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Summary: 1. Description of the Proposed Action - Cyprus Mines Corporation proposes to construct and operate a uranium mine and mill facility at the Hansen Project site. This project is located in southcentral Colorado approximately 20 miles (35 road miles) northwest of Canon City. The 4500 tons of uranium ore per day capacity mill will be located on the divide between the Tallahassee Creek and Squaw Creek drainage basins, Sections 9 and 10, T17S, R73W, Fremont County, Colorado. The mine will be located in the Tallahassee Creek drainage basin, Sections 21, 22, 27, and 28, T17S, R73W, Fremont County, Colorado.

2. The principal alternatives currently planned to be considered include alternatives of siting, waste management methods, energy sources, and the alternative of no licensing action.

3. The scoping process will include a meeting to be held in the auditorium of the Washington Elementary School, 9th and College Avenue, Canon City, Colorado, on November 6, 1979, at 9:00 a.m. This meeting will provide for a briefing of interested parties concerning the proposed action and alternatives and opportunity for comment on the scope of the proposed statement. The participation of the public and all interested government agencies is

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invited. Copies of this notice will be mailed to all affected Federal, State, and local agencies, and other interested persons. Written comments concerning the scope of the proposed statement will be accepted until November 14, 1979.

4. The DEIS is expected to be available to the public for review and comment in March 1980.

5. The applicant's Environmental Report and any subsequent project related documents will be available for inspection and copying at the Public Document Room (PDR), 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555. The Environmental Report is also being made available at the State Clearinghouse, Division of Planning, Department of Local Affairs, 520 State Centennial Building, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203, and the area clearinghouse, Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments, 425-1/2 Main Street, P.O. Box 510, Canon City, Colorado 81212.

Questions about the proposed action, DEIS, or scoping meeting and any written comments should be directed to M. E. Krug, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Division of Waste Management, Mail Stop 483-SS, Washington, D.C. 20540. Phone (301) 427-4103.

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CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF A BYPRODUCT MATERIAL LICENSE FOR
THE HANSEN PROJECT TO BE LOCATED IN FREMONT COUNTY, COLORADO

CYPRUS MINES CORPORATION

DOCKET NO. 40-8748

Agency: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Action: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

Summary: 1. Description of the Proposed Action - Cyprus Mines Corporation proposes to construct and operate a uranium mine and mill facility at the Hansen Project site. This project is located in southcentral Colorado approximately 20 miles (35 road miles) northwest of Canon City. The 4500 tons of uranium ore per day capacity mill will be located on the divide between the Tallahassee Creek and Squaw Creek drainage basins, Sections 9 and 10, T17S, R73W, Fremont County, Colorado. The mine will be located in the Tallahassee Creek drainage basin, Sections 21, 22, 27, and 28, T17S, R73W, Fremont County, Colorado.

2. The principal alternatives currently planned to be considered include alternatives of siting, waste management methods, energy sources, and the alternative of no licensing action.

3. The scoping process will include a meeting to be held in the auditorium of the Washington Elementary School, 9th and College Avenue, Canon City, Colorado, on November 6, 1979, at 9:00 a.m. This meeting will provide for a briefing of interested parties concerning the proposed action and alternatives and opportunity for comment on the scope of the proposed statement. The participation of the public and all interested government agencies is

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invited. Copies of this notice will be mailed to all affected Federal, State and local agencies, and other interested persons. Written comments concerning the scope of the proposed statement will be accepted until November 14, 1979.

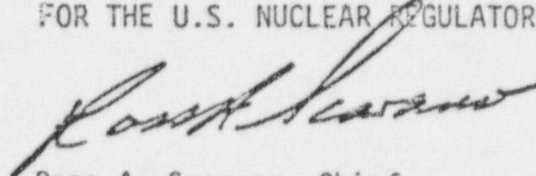
4. The DEIS is expected to be available to the public for review and comment in March 1980.

5. The applicant's Environmental Report and any subsequent project related documents will be available for inspection and copying at the Public Document Room (PDR), 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555. The Environmental Report is also being made available at the State Clearinghouse, Division of Planning, Department of Local Affairs, 520 State Centennial Building, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203, and the area clearinghouse, Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments, 425-1/2 Main Street, P.O. Box 510, Canon City, Colorado 81212.

Questions about the proposed action, DEIS, or scoping meeting and any written comments should be directed to M. E. Krug, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Division of Waste Management, Mail Stop 483-SS, Washington, D.C. 20555, Phone (301) 427-4103.

Dated at Silver Spring, Maryland, this 22nd day of October 1979.

FOR THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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