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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
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July 17, 2025

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**SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSURE OF NEW LICENSE APPLICATION DATED  
OCTOBER 17, 2022, FOR COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES**

Dear Dr. Dong:

We have reviewed Colorado School of Mines (CSM) new license application dated October 17, 2022, for a Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) license. You have requested authorization for research and development, and teaching and training of students. Your application was docketed electronically in the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at Accession No. ML22341A263 (a non-publicly available document).

The NRC is unable to approve a new license unless the applicant has a completed facility that is fully equipped and is ready to receive an NRC health and safety site visit. Due to the continuous delays in completing facility construction as described in the timeline below, the NRC has administratively closed your request for a new NRC license. You may submit a new license application request in its entirety at a later date along with a license application fee once the construction of the facility has been completed.

1. Letter dated August 30, 2023 - In this letter CSM stated that facility construction will be completed by August 23, 2024.
2. September 21, 2023 - NRC completed the technical review of CSM new license application. External assistance was requested for the review of decommissioning financial assurance.
3. Letter dated September 25, 2023 - In this letter the NRC informed CSM of the suspension of the license application review until construction of the facility is sufficiently complete to the point where safety equipment is installed and operational to enable a health and safety site visit to be performed (expected completion by August 2024).
4. Email dated February 21, 2024 - In this email CSM stated that facility construction will be completed by February 28, 2025.

5. April 17, 2024 through July 3, 2024 - Reactivation of NRC review and completion of decommissioning financial assurance review since the expected completion of facility construction was February 2025.
6. Letter dated April 16, 2025 - In this letter CSM stated that facility construction will be completed by January 31, 2026.
7. Email dated July 15, 2025 - In this email CSM stated that facility construction will be completed by May 22, 2026.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 2.390 of NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from ADAMS, accessible from the NRC Web site at [www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html](http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle R. Simmons".

Signed by Simmons, Michelle  
on 07/17/25

Michelle R. Simmons, Acting Chief  
Materials Licensing Branch

Docket: 030-39328  
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ADAMS ACCESSION NUMBER: **ML25198A240**

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