

October 29, 1999

Mr. John Daniels
Project Manager
Molycorp, Inc.
300 Caldwell Avenue
Washington, PA 15301

SUBJECT: CORRECTIONS TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 3

Dear Mr. Daniels:

Pursuant to your telephone request of October 12, 1999, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has made the following corrections to Amendment No. 3 to License No. SMB-1393, for the Molycorp Washington facility.

- (2) 6.A. Byproduct, Source, and/or Special Nuclear Material referenced "Natural Uranium." This was a typographical error. Instead, 6.A. will read as "Natural Thorium."
- (2) License Condition 13. Reference was not made to your incoming letters of April 13 and 20, 1999. This was a typographical error. Instead, these letters will be added in Condition 14.D.

I have enclosed the revised license with corrections to 6.A. and License Condition 14.D. Please contact LeRoy Person at (301) 415-6701, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

[Original signed by]

Larry W. Camper, Chief
Decommissioning Branch
Division of Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

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14. Schedule for Decommissioning Site:

- A. Submittal of the Site Characterization Report (SCP) - Molycorp, Inc. will submit a SCP to the NRC by November 15, 1992.
- B. Submittal of Decommissioning Alternatives and Potential Costs - Molycorp, Inc. will provide the NRC with a list and analysis of potential decommissioning and disposal alternatives by March 1, 1993. The cost of each alternative will be estimated to the best of Molycorp's ability at the time of submittal. A revised version of the report will be included in the Site Decommissioning Plan (SDP).
- C. Submittal of Site Characterization Report (SCR) - Molycorp, Inc. will provide a report detailing the site characterization results to the NRC no later than eight (8) months after the SCP has been approved in writing by the NRC staff.
- D. Submittal of Site Decommissioning Plan (SDP) - Molycorp, Inc. will submit a SDP to the NRC no later than April 16, 2000, (Reference licensee's letters dated April 13 and 20, 1999), after the initial submittal of a SCR (July 20, 1995). If on site disposal of radioactive waste under conditions of restricted use is proposed, an environmental report will be submitted by the same date. The SDP will include a decommissioning funding plan (DFP), in accordance with 10 CFR 40.36(a), to cover the estimated cost for the preferred decommissioning approach. The licensee is hereby granted a schedular exemption from the requirement of 10 CFR 40.36(c)(2) for the submittal of a DFP until such time as the SDP is submitted.
- E. Completion of Decommissioning - Molycorp, Inc. will have completed site clean up and disposal of the source material in accordance with the approved SDP. Molycorp will have notified the NRC in writing of this completion of decommissioning activities within 24 months of NRC approval of Molycorp's SDP.

FOR THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Dated: 10/29/99

Larry W. Camper, Chief
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