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Subject: Reclamation Requirements for Mining Operations on DOE Lease Tracts C-JD-5
and C-SR-13

Dear Mr. Coram:

This letter is in response to your undated letter (received by DOE on August 9, 2013), concerning "DOE Uranium Lease Reclamation Schedule and Requirements – JD-5 Mine, Burros Mine, Ellison Mine and Hawkeye Mine" and the accompanying information, Technical Revision documents for Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS) Permits No.: M-1977-248 (JD-5 Mine); M-1977-297 (Burros Mine); M-1978-342 (Ellison Mine); and M-1978-311 (Hawkeye Mine). DOE presumes that your submittals to CDRMS were in response to the Mineral Program Inspection Reports issued by CDRMS for the May 16, 2013, inspections of the respective mining operations. DOE is currently awaiting the results of CDRMS' review and consideration of those submittals.

As the lessee for DOE Lease Tracts C-JD-5 and C-SR-13, please be advised that the referenced submittals do not meet the requirements set forth in the respective lease agreements for reclamation plan submittals; specifically Appendix C, paragraph (l), which states in part:

"Prior to abandoning operations, the Lessee shall submit a mine-site reclamation plan to the Realty Officer for approval. Such plan shall include the proposed method(s) of permanent closure for all mine openings/portals including shafts, adits, inclines/declines, ventilation shafts, and water discharge points. No underground workings or any part thereof shall be permanently abandoned and rendered inaccessible without the prior written approval of the Realty Officer. All mine-site reclamation shall be performed to the satisfaction of the Realty Officer in accordance with the approved reclamation plan."

and Appendix C, paragraph (k), which states in part:

"The Lessee shall return all disturbed areas to their original condition or a condition acceptable to the Realty Officer promptly after damage to such areas has occurred and operations under this Lease are no longer being conducted in the disturbed areas."

Accordingly, if your intent, as depicted by the "Technical Revisions" submitted to CDRMS, it to reclaim the aforementioned mining operations, please submit a reclamation plan for each operation in accordance with these lease stipulations. Once each plan is received, DOE and its contractor staff will review all documents and correspondence associated with the original mining plan for the lease and any subsequent amendment(s) to the plan, including the respective approval letter(s). As part of that review process, an on-site examination will be scheduled for each plan to determine exactly what actions are required during the reclamation of each mining operation.

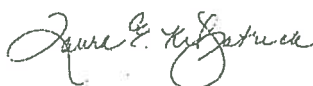


Please be reminded that the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado, in its Order of February 27, 2012, has enjoined DOE from approving any activities (including exploration, drilling, mining, and reclamation) on lands governed by the Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) – except for specific categories of activities that are identified in that Order and are absolutely necessary -- until (1) DOE conducts an environmental analysis that fully complies with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, all other governing statutes and regulations, and the Court's Order, i.e., DOE's ULP Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement is completed and DOE's Record of Decision is issued; and (2) the Court then dissolves the injunction.

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Sincerely,



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