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Via email: dlcoram@msn.com

Mr. Don Coram, Sr., President
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Subject: Uranium Mining Lease DE-RO01-19LM70240 (C-SR-13)
Uranium Mining Lease DE RO01-19LM70253 (C-JD-5)
Request for Reclamation Status and New Permit Compliance

Dear Mr. Coram:

The U.S. Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management (LM) recently learned of Gold Eagle Mining Inc.'s (GEMI's) intention to apply for a new Designated Mining Operation Reclamation Permit (or permits) with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (DRMS). It is LM's understanding that these new permit applications would be for mining operations on Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Lease Tracts C-SR-13 and C-JD-5. As part of any new permit application on a ULP lease tract, LM requires the submittal of the enclosed *Uranium Leasing Program Lessee Environmental Checklist* (LM-Form-4-20-22.0) (Checklist) and a Mining Plan (Plan) for LM to conduct an environmental review, including identification of the adequate level of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance. This Plan should follow the Plan format and associated requirements found in Appendix C, "Specific Requirements and Stipulations," of the lease agreement and in Table 4.6-1, "Measures Identified to Minimize Potential Impacts from Uranium Mining at the ULP Lease Tracts," in the March 2014 [*Final Uranium Leasing Program Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement*](#) (PEIS). Table 4.6-1 (enclosed) outlines the measures identified in the PEIS to minimize potential impacts from uranium mining on the lease tracts. Additionally, the Bureau of Land Management has several outlines available online regarding general policy and guidelines for preparation of mining Plan of Operations-type documents that should be included in the Plan.

Both the Checklist and Plan must include information and descriptions sufficiently detailed for LM to be able to assess the proposed actions' environmental compliance requirements, including determination of the appropriate level of NEPA compliance. The Plan and Checklist will not be considered complete until all applicable parts are submitted and deemed satisfactory by LM. In general, providing more detailed information about the proposed operation and any existing conditions will minimize the need for requests for additional information from LM and expedite LM's review. Additional information on completing the Checklist can be found in the *ULP Lessee Environmental Checklist Instructions* (LM-SOP-4-20-6.0) (enclosed).

According to Appendix C (Subparts f–h), “Specific Requirements and Stipulations,” of the lease agreement, “Prior to any surface-disturbing activity, the Lessee shall select a qualified environmental consultant acceptable to DOE . . .” to determine if wildlife, cultural, historical, and floodplain concerns exist in the proposed area of activity and to assist with preparation of the Checklist and the Plan. Please provide the qualifications of GEMI’s selected environmental consultant as soon as possible.

As a reminder, according to Item (a) of Section XVIII, “Reporting Requirements,” of the lease agreement,” “The Lessee shall provide [LM] with copies of all permits and correspondence from local, state, or other Federal agencies or entities which pertain to the Lessee’s activities on the Property.”

GEMI’s intent to submit a new permit application does not change GEMI’s current responsibility for reclamation to be performed within the time frame established by DRMS. Compliance with the current permit is required. To this end, LM reiterates its request for the status and details of the reclamation to be completed by March 18, 2024, on the above-referenced lease tracts, in accordance with the Colorado DRMS letter dated May 3, 2023, and LM’s letter dated May 11, 2022, requiring a revision to the reclamation plans submitted by GEMI. Compliance with this request is required as soon as practicable, as the time frame for LM to review GEMI’s revised reclamation plans and associated environmental compliance information is a minimum of 45 business days.

LM would be happy to meet with you and your consultants to discuss these requirements at your convenience. Please contact me at (970) 248-6797 or william.burns@lm.doe.gov, should you wish to set up a meeting or if have any questions.

Sincerely,

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