

MEETING SUMMARY

DATE: September 21, 2005

TIME: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Former Gas Hills Project - Umetco Minerals Corporation
Natrona County, Wyoming

PURPOSE: To discuss reclamation issues.

ATTENDEES: Julia M. Barto, NRC/NMSS
Ted Johnson, NRC/NMSS
Tom Pauling, Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management
Mark Plessinger, et al., Stoller
Tom Gieck, et al., Umetco

BACKGROUND:

The Former Gas Hills Uranium Mill operation ended in 1984 and the mill was decommissioned in 1990. Site decommissioning activities conducted by the licensee included demolition of mill buildings, reclamation of three disposal areas and a groundwater corrective action program. The Final Status Survey Report is under Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) review. The windblown tailings remediated area is 111 acres and 4,950 cubic yards of material were removed because of contamination released when the tailings dam was breached, and 30,000 cubic yards were removed from a former evaporation pond. The covers on three disposal areas are complete.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of the meeting was for NRC to observe reclamation activities conducted under the license as they relate to radiation safety. NRC staff was accompanied on a site tour by Umetco representatives.

The NRC staff toured and observed site conditions at the entire site area. Staff noted that placement of erosion protection on the A-9 Repository is complete. Remediation on the C-18 disposal pit, located at the base of the A-9 Pit, is nearing completion. Remediation of pond GHP-2 is in progress.

The licensee discussed with the NRC staff a potential high wall design change to the license amendment. Umetco representatives estimated that the amendment request would be submitted in the December 2005 timeframe. No action items were identified during the meeting.

Enclosure