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September 13, 2011

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Semiannual Effluent Report – 1st Half 2011

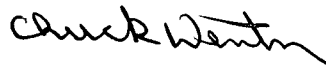
Dear Mr. McLaughlin,

In accordance with license condition #19 of the above referenced source material license and the NRC approved *Health Physics and Environmental Programs Manual*, please find attached the first half 2011 Semiannual Report for the Ambrosia Lake facility.

The Ambrosia Lake area had an unusually dry winter and spring; for this reason vegetation samples were difficult to collect. They were not collected until June 30, 2011, resulting in a later than normal report.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (505) 287-8851, extension 15.

Regards,



Chuck Wentz
Environmental Department Supervisor
Radiation Safety Officer

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RIO ALGOM MINING LLC AMBROSIA LAKE FACILITY

License SUA – 1473 Docket 40 – 8905

Semi – Annual Effluent Report

1st Half 2011

September 13, 2011

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Ambrosia Lake Facility

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Crushing Circuit Stack Emissions

Mill building demolition of the conventional mill circuit was successfully completed in February 2004.

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Yellowcake Dryer Stack Emissions

Mill building demolition of the conventional mill circuit was successfully completed in February 2004.

High Volume Environmental Air Samples
1st Half 2011

1st Quarter 2011					Substation	2nd Quarter 2011				
Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/ml)	Error (uCi/ml)	LLD (uCi/ml)	% Limit		Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/ml)	Error (uCi/ml)	LLD (uCi/ml)	% Limit
U-nat	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	2.3E-18	< 1.0		U-nat	3.4E-18	1.9E-19	2.8E-18	< 1.0
Th-230	2.1E-17	6.7E-18	9.0E-18	< 1.0		Th-230	1.5E-17	7.6E-18	1.0E-17	< 1.0
Ra-226	3.0E-18	4.7E-18	8.3E-18	< 1.0		Ra-226	3.9E-18	3.5E-18	1.1E-17	< 1.0
Pb-210	1.0E-15	4.6E-17	6.8E-17	< 1.0		Pb-210	1.3E-15	6.7E-17	1.6E-16	< 1.0

1st Quarter 2011					Section 17 VH 4	2nd Quarter 2011				
Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/ml)	Error (uCi/ml)	LLD (uCi/ml)	% Limit		Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/ml)	Error (uCi/ml)	LLD (uCi/ml)	% Limit
U-nat	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	2.9E-18	< 1.0		U-nat	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	3.0E-18	< 1.0
Th-230	8.0E-18	4.6E-18	8.0E-18	< 1.0		Th-230	1.1E-17	8.1E-18	1.2E-17	< 1.0
Ra-226	-1.7E-18	3.8E-18	3.1E-18	< 1.0		Ra-226	7.4E-18	4.7E-18	6.2E-18	< 1.0
Pb-210	1.0E-15	4.6E-17	7.2E-17	< 1.0		Pb-210	6.6E-16	5.0E-17	1.4E-16	< 1.0

High Volume Environmental Air Samples
1st Half 2011

1st Quarter 2011					2nd Quarter 2011				
Mill Diversion									
Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/ml)	Error (uCi/ml)	LLD (uCi/ml)	% Limit	Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/ml)	Error (uCi/ml)	LLD (uCi/ml)	% Limit
U-nat	3.5E-18	1.5E-19	2.5E-18	< 1.0	U-nat	1.2E-17	6.4E-19	3.3E-18	< 1.0
Th-230	9.5E-17	1.3E-17	9.5E-18	< 1.0	Th-230	6.3E-16	3.8E-17	1.2E-17	3.1
Ra-226	1.5E-17	6.8E-18	1.4E-17	< 1.0	Ra-226	2.3E-17	4.4E-18	8.5E-18	< 1.0
Pb-210	1.2E-15	5.1E-17	7.3E-17	< 1.0	Pb-210	8.5E-16	6.0E-17	1.6E-16	< 1.0

High Volume Environmental Air Samples
1st Half 2011

1st Quarter 2011					Section 30 West VH 6					2nd Quarter 2011				
Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/ml)	Error (uCi/ml)	LLD (uCi/ml)	% Limit	Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/ml)	Error (uCi/ml)	LLD (uCi/ml)	% Limit	Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/ml)	Error (uCi/ml)	LLD (uCi/ml)	% Limit
U-nat	2.8E-18	1.2E-19	2.3E-18	< 1.0	U-nat	4.2E-19	2.3E-20	3.5E-19	< 1.0	U-nat	4.2E-19	2.3E-20	3.5E-19	< 1.0
Th-230	1.2E-17	5.7E-18	7.5E-18	< 1.0	Th-230	2.2E-18	8.6E-19	1.2E-18	< 1.0	Th-230	2.2E-18	8.6E-19	1.2E-18	< 1.0
Ra-226	3.7E-18	2.6E-18	1.2E-17	< 1.0	Ra-226	7.4E-18	4.7E-18	6.2E-18	< 1.0	Ra-226	7.4E-18	4.7E-18	6.2E-18	< 1.0
Pb-210	1.1E-15	4.4E-17	6.8E-17	< 1.0	Pb-210	6.6E-16	5.0E-17	1.4E-16	< 1.0	Pb-210	6.6E-16	5.0E-17	1.4E-16	< 1.0

1st Quarter 2011					North Fence					2nd Quarter 2011				
Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/ml)	Error (uCi/ml)	LLD (uCi/ml)	% Limit	Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/ml)	Error (uCi/ml)	LLD (uCi/ml)	% Limit	Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/ml)	Error (uCi/ml)	LLD (uCi/ml)	% Limit
U-nat	3.9E-18	1.7E-19	2.5E-18	< 1.0	U-nat	1.0E-17	5.6E-19	3.2E-18	< 1.0	U-nat	1.0E-17	5.6E-19	3.2E-18	< 1.0
Th-230	2.6E-17	7.1E-18	8.7E-18	< 1.0	Th-230	3.2E-17	1.0E-17	1.1E-17	< 1.0	Th-230	3.2E-17	1.0E-17	1.1E-17	< 1.0
Ra-226	9.4E-18	3.3E-18	5.3E-18	< 1.0	Ra-226	2.5E-17	5.8E-18	1.0E-17	< 1.0	Ra-226	2.5E-17	5.8E-18	1.0E-17	< 1.0
Pb-210	1.1E-15	4.4E-17	6.8E-17	< 1.0	Pb-210	8.0E-16	7.2E-17	2.2E-16	< 1.0	Pb-210	8.0E-16	7.2E-17	2.2E-16	< 1.0

High Volume Environmental Air Samples
1st Half 2011

1st Quarter 2011					KGL-North					2nd Quarter 2011				
Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/ml)	Error (uCi/ml)	LLD (uCi/ml)	% Limit	Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/ml)	Error (uCi/ml)	LLD (uCi/ml)	% Limit	Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/ml)	Error (uCi/ml)	LLD (uCi/ml)	% Limit
U-nat	9.1E-18	3.9E-19	2.7E-18	< 1.0	U-nat	3.8E-17	2.1E-18	3.4E-18	< 1.0	U-nat	3.8E-17	2.1E-18	3.4E-18	< 1.0
Th-230	6.5E-17	1.2E-17	9.4E-18	< 1.0	Th-230	3.0E-16	2.9E-17	1.2E-17	1.5	Th-230	3.0E-16	2.9E-17	1.2E-17	1.5
Ra-226	1.0E-17	3.2E-18	1.3E-17	< 1.0	Ra-226	5.9E-17	8.2E-18	1.2E-17	< 1.0	Ra-226	5.9E-17	8.2E-18	1.2E-17	< 1.0
Pb-210	1.3E-15	4.9E-17	6.7E-17	< 1.0	Pb-210	1.1E-15	7.1E-17	2.0E-16	< 1.0	Pb-210	1.1E-15	7.1E-17	2.0E-16	< 1.0

1st Quarter 2011					KGL-South					2nd Quarter 2011				
Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/ml)	Error (uCi/ml)	LLD (uCi/ml)	% Limit	Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/ml)	Error (uCi/ml)	LLD (uCi/ml)	% Limit	Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/ml)	Error (uCi/ml)	LLD (uCi/ml)	% Limit
U-nat	3.7E-18	1.6E-19	2.6E-18	< 1.0	U-nat	9.3E-18	5.1E-19	3.1E-18	< 1.0	U-nat	9.3E-18	5.1E-19	3.1E-18	< 1.0
Th-230	2.0E-17	7.7E-18	1.1E-17	< 1.0	Th-230	3.3E-16	2.7E-17	1.1E-17	1.7	Th-230	3.3E-16	2.7E-17	1.1E-17	1.7
Ra-226	1.0E-17	5.9E-18	2.1E-17	< 1.0	Ra-226	5.5E-17	7.6E-18	1.1E-17	< 1.0	Ra-226	5.5E-17	7.6E-18	1.1E-17	< 1.0
Pb-210	1.8E-15	6.8E-17	1.0E-16	< 1.0	Pb-210	1.0E-15	6.6E-17	1.8E-16	< 1.0	Pb-210	1.0E-15	6.6E-17	1.8E-16	< 1.0

Vegetation

Location: Substation Date: June 2011 Sample Media: Vegetation				Location: Mill Diversion Date: June 2011 Sample Media: Vegetation			
Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/kg)	Error (uCi/kg)	LLD (uCi/kg)	Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/kg)	Error (uCi/kg)	LLD (uCi/kg)
U-nat	1.8E-04	9.2E-06	4.7E-05	U-nat	1.8E-04	8.8E-06	4.7E-05
Th-230	1.4E-03	1.4E-03	2.5E-03	Th-230	4.0E-03	1.8E-03	2.5E-03
Ra-226	1.7E-03	1.5E-03	7.2E-03	Ra-226	4.9E-03	2.7E-03	9.3E-03
Pb-210	9.4E-03	6.1E-03	1.3E-02	Pb-210	1.4E-02	5.7E-03	1.2E-02

Location: Section 30 West VH6 Date: June 2011 Sample Media: Vegetation				Location: North Fence Date: June 2011 Sample Media: Vegetation			
Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/kg)	Error (uCi/kg)	LLD (uCi/kg)	Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/kg)	Error (uCi/kg)	LLD (uCi/kg)
U-nat	1.6E-04	7.8E-06	5.4E-05	U-nat	1.2E-04	6.1E-06	4.1E-05
Th-230	6.4E-04	1.9E-03	2.5E-03	Th-230	1.5E-02	6.0E-03	1.9E-03
Ra-226	6.0E-03	2.6E-03	8.1E-03	Ra-226	4.9E-03	2.1E-03	6.8E-03
Pb-210	1.6E-02	1.0E-02	2.2E-02	Pb-210	9.7E-04	1.0E-03	1.3E-02

Vegetation

Location: Section 17 VH 4
Date: June 2011
Sample Media: Vegetation

Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/kg)	Error (uCi/kg)	LLD (uCi/kg)
U-nat	1.1E-04	5.4E-06	3.4E-05
Th-230	1.0E-04	1.3E-03	1.7E-03
Ra-226	4.5E-03	2.0E-03	6.3E-03
Pb-210	6.0E-03	4.2E-03	9.5E-03

Location: KGL-North
Date: June 2011
Sample Media: Vegetation

Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/kg)	Error (uCi/kg)	LLD (uCi/kg)
U-nat	1.4E-04	7.1E-06	4.7E-05
Th-230	9.0E-05	1.2E-03	2.2E-03
Ra-226	3.7E-03	2.2E-03	8.8E-03
Pb-210	9.2E-03	6.2E-03	1.4E-02

Location: KGL-South
Date: June 2011
Sample Media: Vegetation

Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/kg)	Error (uCi/kg)	LLD (uCi/kg)
U-nat	1.3E-04	6.5E-06	4.1E-05
Th-230	7.5E-04	1.0E-03	1.7E-03
Ra-226	2.3E-03	1.6E-03	6.1E-03
Pb-210	7.0E-03	6.5E-03	1.5E-02

Soil

Location: Substation				Location: Mill Diversion			
Date: June 2011				Date: June 2011			
Sample Media: Soil				Sample Media: Soil			
Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/g)	Error (uCi/g)	LLD (uCi/g)	Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/g)	Error (uCi/g)	LLD (uCi/g)
U-nat	9.3E-07	1.9E-08	3.4E-08	U-nat	7.1E-07	1.4E-08	3.4E-08
Th-230	1.3E-06	6.1E-07	7.4E-07	Th-230	7.7E-06	1.1E-06	6.4E-07
Ra-226	2.5E-06	7.6E-07	1.7E-06	Ra-226	2.2E-06	7.2E-07	1.7E-06
Pb-210	0.0E+00	2.9E-06	3.9E-06	Pb-210	0.0E+00	2.8E-06	8.2E-06

Location: Section 30 West VH6				Location: North Fence			
Date: June 2011				Date: June 2011			
Sample Media: Soil				Sample Media: Soil			
Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/g)	Error (uCi/g)	LLD (uCi/g)	Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/g)	Error (uCi/g)	LLD (uCi/g)
U-nat	6.6E-06	1.3E-07	3.4E-08	U-nat	6.4E-07	1.3E-08	3.4E-08
Th-230	4.1E-06	7.9E-07	6.60E-07	Th-230	6.6E-07	4.2E-07	6.8E-07
Ra-226	4.9E-06	9.9E-07	1.60E-06	Ra-226	2.5E-06	7.8E-07	1.8E-06
Pb-210	1.0E-05	2.3E-06	6.00E-06	Pb-210	3.0E-06	3.2E-06	9.3E-06

Soil

Location: Section 17 VH 4
Date: June 2011
Sample Media: Soil

Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/g)	Error (uCi/g)	LLD (uCi/g)
U-nat	7.2E-07	1.5E-08	3.4E-08
Th-230	2.0E-06	7.1E-07	8.2E-07
Ra-226	1.6E-06	6.0E-07	1.5E-06
Pb-210	2.1E-06	1.8E-06	5.3E-06

Location: KGL-North
Date: June 2011
Sample Media: Soil

Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/g)	Error (uCi/g)	LLD (uCi/g)
U-nat	1.2E-06	2.4E-08	3.4E-08
Th-230	2.3E-06	6.1E-07	6.5E-07
Ra-226	2.0E-06	6.9E-07	1.7E-06
Pb-210	0.0E+00	2.4E-06	7.2E-06

Location: KGL-South
Date: June 2011
Sample Media: Soil

Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/g)	Error (uCi/g)	LLD (uCi/g)
U-nat	1.5E-06	3.0E-08	3.4E-08
Th-230	1.8E-06	5.7E-07	6.5E-07
Ra-226	2.9E-06	7.5E-07	1.6E-06
Pb-210	4.1E-06	2.6E-06	7.3E-06

Sediment

Location: P-0 Date: June 2011 Sample Media: Sediment				Location: P-1 Date: June 2011 Sample Media: Sediment			
Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/g)	Error (uCi/g)	LLD (uCi/g)	Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/g)	Error (uCi/g)	LLD (uCi/g)
U-nat	6.7E-06	4.3E-07	3.4E-08	U-nat	8.7E-06	5.6E-07	3.4E-08
Th-230	2.4E-06	6.9E-07	6.2E-07	Th-230	3.1E-05	2.2E-06	7.6E-07
Ra-226	5.6E-06	7.1E-07	9.2E-07	Ra-226	6.2E-06	7.0E-07	6.9E-07
Pb-210	3.9E-06	2.0E-06	6.4E-06	Pb-210	4.3E-06	2.2E-06	4.1E-06

Location: P-2 Date: June 2011 Sample Media: Sediment				Location: P-3 Date: June 2011 Sample Media: Sediment			
Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/g)	Error (uCi/g)	LLD (uCi/g)	Nuclide	Conc. (uCi/g)	Error (uCi/g)	LLD (uCi/g)
U-nat	1.9E-05	1.2E-06	3.4E-08	U-nat	2.2E-07	1.4E-08	3.4E-08
Th-230	1.8E-05	1.7E-06	7.5E-07	Th-230	2.9E-06	1.9E-06	1.2E-06
Ra-226	2.5E-05	1.4E-06	6.6E-07	Ra-226	2.3E-07	1.9E-07	8.0E-07
Pb-210	9.9E-06	2.3E-06	3.7E-06	Pb-210	1.1E-06	1.7E-06	3.5E-06

Environmental Radon

Date: 1st Quarter 2011
Sample Media: Track Etch

Location	Rate pCi/L	Error pCi/L
Substation	2.4	0.1
Mill Diversion	1.9	0.1
Section 30W VH6	2.8	0.2
North Fence	2.3	0.1
Section 17 VH4	0.5	0.1
KGL-North	2	0.1
KGL-South	2.4	0.1

Date: 2nd Quarter 2011
Sample Media: Track Etch

Location	Rate pCi/L	Error pCi/L
Substation	0.5	0.0
Mill Diversion	1.5	0.1
Section 30W VH6	1.3	0.1
North Fence	1.6	0.1
Section 17 VH4	0.6	0.1
KGL-North	1.2	0.1
KGL-South	1.6	0.1

Notes:

1 - KGL sample locations added as part of lined pond relocation project.

Environmental Gamma Radiation

Date: 1st Quarter 2011
Sample Media: Gamma

Location	Rate (mRem/qtr)
Substation	0
Mill Diversion	0
Section 30W VH6	8.1
North Fence	0.7
Section 17 VH4	0
Section 4 - #1	0.2
Section 4 - #2	6.4
Section 4 - #3	0

Date: 2nd Quarter 2011
Sample Media: Gamma

Location	Rate (mRem/qtr)
Substation	0
Mill Diversion	0
Section 30W VH6	10.5
North Fence	0
Section 17 VH4	0
Section 4 - #1	0
Section 4 - #2	3.2
Section 4 - #3	0

Notes:

- 1 - Section 4 sample locations added as part of lined pond relocation project.
- 2 - Values represent net values after subtraction of site control dosimeter.

Treated Mine Discharge Water

Sample: Treated Mine Water

Date: 1st Quarter 2011

Location	Uranium			Radium-226 (soluble)			Radium-226 (insoluble)		
	Conc. (mg/L)	Error (mg/L)	LLD (mg/L)	Conc. (pCi/L)	Error (pCi/L)	LLD (pCi/L)	Conc. (pCi/L)	Error (pCi/L)	LLD (pCi/L)
P-8	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry
P-10	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry
P-12	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry
P-14	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry
P-16	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry
P-18	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry

Sample: Treated Mine Water

Date: 2nd Quarter 2011

Location	Uranium			Radium-226 (soluble)			Radium-226 (insoluble)		
	Conc. (mg/L)	Error (mg/L)	LLD (mg/L)	Conc. (pCi/L)	Error (pCi/L)	LLD (pCi/L)	Conc. (pCi/L)	Error (pCi/L)	LLD (pCi/L)
P-8	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry
P-10	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry
P-12	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry
P-14	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry
P-16	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry
P-18	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry	dry

Mine water treatment discharge subject to NPDES permit limitations at outfall location.

Limits: Total Uranium = 4 mg/L (max); soluble Ra-226 = 10 pCi/L (max); total Ra-226 = 30 pCi/L (max)