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Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Orlando

Thank you for your letter dated April 28, 2015, received in our office May 8, regarding Umetco Minerals Corporation request to install a ground water monitoring well at the Gas Hills Wyoming site (Docket Number 040-00299) located in Fremont and Natrona counties. Umetco's proposed revision includes installation of four additional ground water monitoring wells (Project). One of the proposed wells is on land with surface rights owned by Umetco. The three remaining proposed wells are on land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management.

Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA), 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq., you have requested concurrence that the Project is not likely to adversely affect any threatened, endangered, or proposed species. You may consider this project, as proposed, to be in compliance with the requirements of the ESA, thereby concluding the consultation process. The Project should be re-analyzed if new information reveals effects of the action that may affect listed species or designated or proposed critical habitat in a manner or to an extent not considered in this letter; if the action is subsequently modified in a manner that causes an effect to a listed or proposed species or designated or proposed critical habitat that was not considered in this letters; and/or if a new species is listed or critical habitat is designated that may be affected by the Project.

In accordance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), 16 U.S.C. 703, measures should be taken to ensure that no take of migratory birds occurs during project-related activities. Work that could lead to the take of a migratory bird or eagle, their young, eggs, or nests (e.g., drilling a water well or constructing new roads in the vicinity of a nest), should be coordinated with our office.

We appreciate your efforts to ensure the conservation of endangered, threatened, and candidate species and migratory birds. If you have any questions regarding this letter or your responsibilities under the Endangered Species Act and/or other authorities, please contact Kim Dickerson of my office at the letterhead address or phone (307) 772-2374, extension 230.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Mark Sattelberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" being more prominent.

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