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Annual Land Use Survey Report

Dear Mr. Persinko,

Land uses during 2014-2015 within five miles of the Lucky Mc restricted area boundary did not change significantly from what was reported for the previous year. Cattle are normally present but are typically removed for the winter. Commercial sheep grazing was observed about 5 miles west of the restricted area in May 2015.

AREVA activities over the past year relating to the restricted area included periodic monitoring of the site status, (the tailings site had been reclaimed a number of years ago), and quarterly well sampling. The erosion control work accomplished during reclamation of the site continues to perform very well.

The nearest (and only) residence is located approximately 4.9 miles to the west-northwest of the northwest corner of the restricted area fence. The site is occupied year round and a domestic water well is available but not used because of poor quality. No other potable water source was utilized in the general area was known to be used this past year. Livestock and wildlife continue use of stock watering ponds which occur within five miles of the restricted area boundary. The closest such pond to the restricted area, the Lucky Mc mine runoff settling pond immediately to the east of Tailings Pond #1, was fenced during the spring, 2003, to temporarily exclude cattle from the pond and the adjacent reclamation. The dam for that pond was intentionally

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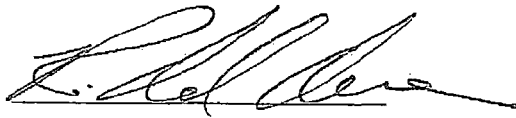
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breached in late 2005 as part of the mine reclamation. However, there is residual storage capacity in that pond below the breach spill elevation. The residual pond was re-permitted in 2010 with the Wyoming State Engineer as a stock watering source. This was done in anticipation of eventual site transfer to the U.S. Department of Energy since the pond will be within the transfer area. There is a stock watering well located just east of Reid Draw some two miles north of the north end of the restricted area. Of significance, title to the transfer area property was deeded to the U.S. Department of Energy in 2010.

No uranium mining occurred during the past year in the Gas Hills. The former mining property holdings owned by AREVA through Pathfinder Mines in Wyoming were sold to UrEnergy late in 2013. To the knowledge of AREVA UrEnergy has had no significant activity at their property except for routine monitoring. Several other owners of mineral properties in the Gas Hills area have limited their activities to claim maintenance but with relatively low Uranium prices near term development seems unlikely.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Mark Owens', with a horizontal line drawn underneath the signature.

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