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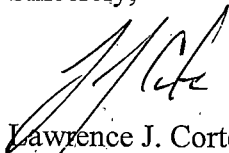
**Re: Financial Assurance Update for Western Nuclear, Inc.'s Split Rock Facility Located
in Jeffery City, Wyoming – NRC License # SUA-56**

Dear Mr. Orlando:

In accordance with 10 C.F.R. Part 40, Western Nuclear, Inc. ("WNI") currently has in place a Guarantee issued by its parent company, Freeport-McMoRan Inc., covering the decommissioning cost estimate for the above facility in the amount of \$1,132,374. In accordance with the terms of the Guarantee and 10 C.F.R. Part 30, Appendix A, WNI hereby notifies the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") that it intends to provide alternative financial assurance as specified in 10 C.F.R. Part 40 within 120 days after the end of FCX's fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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