

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:)
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QUIVIRA MINING CO.)
Ambrosia Lake Facility)
Grants, New Mexico)
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Docket No. 40-8905-MIA

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ORDER

On November 4, 1997, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board issued Memorandum and Order LBP-97-20, denying Envirocare of Utah, Inc.'s (Envirocare) request for hearing. This decision was "appealable within ten (10) days of service of the order." See 10 C.F.R. § 2.1205(o). Within the designated time for appeal, Envirocare filed a document labeled a "Petition for Review." This document in fact represents a "statement that succinctly sets out, with supporting argument, the errors alleged," as contemplated by section 2.1205(o), and we therefore construe it as an appeal.

Envirocare expressed confusion over the applicable procedures and indicates that it expects "an opportunity for full briefing." Envirocare states that "telephonic inquiries have not clarified the review procedure." Contrary to Envirocare's apparent understanding, our rules do not contemplate any briefs beyond the appeal itself.

In these circumstances, pursuant to my authority under 10 C.F.R. § 2.772(a), Envirocare may, if it chooses, either file a supplement to its November 14, 1997, appeal or may file a substitute appeal. The supplemental or substitute appeal must be filed no later than December 3, 1997. Service on the Commission and on the parties must be made in a manner to ensure receipt by the date due.

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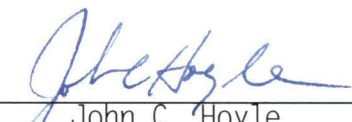
The NRC staff and Quivira Mining may file their responses no later than December 23, 1997. Service on the Commission and on the parties likewise must be made in a manner to ensure receipt by the date due.

Under the Commission's general practice, any appeal or response in excess of 10 pages must contain a table of contents, with page references, and a table of cases (alphabetically arranged), statutes, regulations, and other authorities cited, with references to the pages of the brief where they are cited.

It is so ORDERED.



For the Commission



John C. Hoyle
Secretary of the Commission

Dated at Rockville, Maryland
this 21st day of November, 1997.

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In the Matter of

QUIVERA MINING COMPANY

(License Amendment)

Docket No.(s) 40-8905-MLA

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing COMM ORDER RE PET. FOR REVIEW have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, except as otherwise noted and in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Sec. 2.712.

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Dated at Rockville, Md. this
21 day of November 1997


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