



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

February 12, 2019

Ms. Theresa Ballaine, Manager  
Rio Algom Mining LLC  
PO Box 218  
Grants, NM 20555-0001

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON RIO ALGOM  
SECTION 4 PONDS AREA ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT AND LICENSE  
AMENDMENT REQUEST TO THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY  
COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Ballaine:

By letter dated August 16, 2018, Rio Algom Mining LLC (Rio Algom) submitted the Section 4 Ponds Area Environmental Report, (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML18236A644) to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The Environmental Report was provided by Rio Algom to support the request to amend License SUA-1473 to release the former Section 4 ponds area. In addition to this request, Rio Algom submitted a revised Soil Decommissioning Plan that includes an alternate method for evaluating compliance with cleanup requirements and the dose assessment completed for the former Section 4 ponds area (ADAMS Accession Number ML17340A482). The proposed action would remove NRC regulatory controls.

The staff is reviewing the technical and environmental information in the amendment request. We have identified that additional information is needed to complete the application. Enclosed is the NRC staff's Request for Additional Information (RAI) that identifies the information needed for the continued review of your license amendment request. Please respond to the RAI within 60 days of the date of this letter, or within 30 days, provide a schedule for responding to the RAI.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. If you have any questions, please contact me at [James.Webb@nrc.gov](mailto:James.Webb@nrc.gov) or (301) 415-6252.

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

James Webb  
Uranium Recovery and Materials  
Decommissioning Branch  
Division of Decommissioning, Uranium Recovery  
and Waste Programs

Docket No: 40-8905  
License No. SUA-1473

Enclosure: Request for Additional Information

cc: A. Rheubottom (NMED)

SUBJECT: RIO ALGOM SUBMITTED THE SECTION 4 PONDS AREA  
ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT TO THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY  
COMMISSION **DATE February 12, 2019**

**ADAMS Accession No.: ML18318A262**

**\*via email**

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