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Re: Radioactive Material  
License No. L03626  
Site No. 002 (Gruy-7B Project)

Dear Mr. Hall:

We have received a request to terminate Site No. 2 (Gruy-7B Project) on Radioactive Material License No. L03626 issued to Everest Exploration, Inc., an in situ leach uranium recovery facility located near Hebbronville, Texas. The license authorized in situ leach mining, processing for recovery of uranium, and disposal of waste fluids containing radioactive materials by means of a deep disposal well. However, the project was never operated and no mining or uranium recovery occurred at the site.

Our review of the termination request consisted of the following elements and findings:

1. Aquifer restoration related to in situ leach mining is regulated by another state agency, the Texas Water Commission (TWC), in the State of Texas. The TWC confirms that mining never occurred at the site and that any baseline and/or monitoring wells completed at the site have been plugged and abandoned with the TWC's approval and in accordance with the TWC's rules and guidelines.
2. Our Division of Compliance and Inspection has determined that a verifying survey is not necessary in order to release the Gruy-7B Project to unrestricted use.
3. The deep disposal well to be used for disposal of waste fluids was not used for this project and is still covered under License No. L03626 as a separate site (No. 001) on the license.
4. On-site disposal of solid radioactive material or byproduct material was not authorized at this site; thus, there is no land to be transferred to the State of Texas or the Federal Government.

As a result of our review, the Agency has determined that the licensee is in compliance with our regulations for termination of a site on a license. Therefore, we propose to terminate Site No. 002 (Gruy-7B Project) on License No. L03626. Please advise if the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission wishes additional material or information in order to make a determination regarding concurrence with our proposal to terminate this site. If additional information is required, please contact Mr. Philip Shaver of my staff.

Yours truly,

David K. Lacker, Chief  
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