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MEMORANDUM FOR: Docket File No. 40-8380

FROM: Randall F. Brich, Project Manager
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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE DECOMMISSIONING -
 ROCKY MOUNTAIN ENERGY COMPANY
 9-MILE LAKE R&D ISL PROJECT

Background

By letter dated December 20, 1984, NRC approved the decommissioning plan for the Rocky Mountain Energy Company (RMEC) 9-Mile Lake R&D ISL facility. Approval to implement the decommissioning plan, however, was withheld until the NRC had completed the assessment of the extent of contamination present in the wellfield and had published the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

Discussion

The draft FONSI was published in the Federal Register on April 9, 1985. The Environmental Assessment which provides the basis for issuance of the draft FONSI was also prepared on March 28, 1985, and distributed in accordance with applicable requirements.

The comment period on the draft FONSI expired on May 9, 1985, and one commenter offered suggestions and clarifications to be considered in issuance of the final FONSI. These comments have been reviewed and, when appropriate, incorporated into the final FONSI. The final FONSI will be completed and published in the Federal Register as soon as possible.

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NRC staff have determined that further restoration is not required. RMEC should be authorized to proceed with decommissioning, effective the date the FONSI is published in the Federal Register. License Condition No. 41 requires NRC to authorize implementation of the decommission plan. Thus, it is necessary to amend Source Material License SUA-1228 to authorize RMEC to implement the decommissioning plan submitted October 29, 1984, as modified by License Condition No. 40.

Conclusions

Therefore, I conclude that SUA-1228 be amended in order to allow RME to implement the modified decommissioning plan, by the addition of License Condition No. 42, to read as follows:

42. Notwithstanding any conflicting requirements of License Condition No. 41, the licensee is authorized to implement the decommissioning plan submitted by letter dated October 29, 1984, and modified by License Condition No. 40, effective immediately.

Original Signed By
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