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Mr. John Linehan
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Re: Ruby Ranch Project, Docket File #40-8839

Dear Mr. Linehan:

Santa Fe Mining, Inc. is proceeding with preparation for re-submittal of the Permit Application for the Ruby Ranch in situ uranium project in Campbell County, WY.

We are presently in the process of acquiring additional information on water quality from the project area and are anticipating performing the discussed pump test on the proposed Research and Development site in early May, 1984.

It is our intent to re-submit the Permit Application for the Research and Development license for Ruby Ranch project on or about July 1, 1984. In meetings with your staff and the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, it appears that the only areas of concern in the Conoco Permit Application dealt with groundwater hydrology and water quality.

In order to expedite the permitting process and keep the amount of repetition in the reviewing process to a minimum, it is our wish to submit the Ruby Ranch Permit Application to NRC and DEQ in the exact form as it was presented by Conoco with the additional information on groundwater hydrology and water quality and any other necessary changes on ownership, etc. We feel because of the extensive time spent by both NRC and DEQ staffs in reviewing the present application that by minimizing change, we will minimize your time required in reviewing the application by Santa Fe Mining, Inc. for the proposed R & D project.

We would propose to submit the Permit Application documents under a cover of Santa Fe Mining, Inc. However, those areas that are acceptable in their present form would remain so. This would mean that Conoco's name would still appear in the Permit Application document in all areas of the application that remain unchanged.

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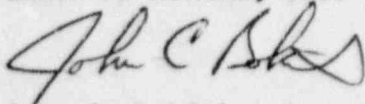
We hope this will be acceptable to you and the Wyoming DEQ, and would solicit a response from you as to acceptability of this. Retyping of the entire document to replace the name Conoco with Santa Fe Mining, Inc. would be a costly and time-consuming effort and we don't feel that it is warranted for the minimal additional information that is required. We feel this would also add significant review time for your staff and the DEQ on essentially the same material that was submitted by Conoco. If, however, you feel that this is required, we will make the effort to re-type the Permit Application and submit it at our earliest possible time.

I am sending this same letter to WDEQ to solicit their comment and approval, also.

As we near the date for the proposed pump test, we will alert your office and the DEQ so that you may have representatives there if you so desire.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me. Look forward to working with you to complete the R&D Permit Application for Ruby Ranch.

Sincerely,
SANTA FE MINING, INC.



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