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Mr. Roger Shaffer
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Land Quality Division
122 West 25th Street
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Dear Mr. Shaffer:

Re: License to Explore LE-4,
Nine Mile Lake R&D Project

We appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and discuss the Division's letter of May 20, 1985, regarding closure of the Nine Mile Lake site. RME's response to each of the questions or items enumerated in the Division's letter follows. I must again state, however, that RME does not and cannot speak on behalf of the surface owner (B. B. Brooks Co.). We must limit our responses to RME's understanding of the surface owner's intentions.

1. Only the eastern segment of the egress road between the old Salt Creek Highway and the permit area was constructed by RME (see Figure 1). This road segment, which is approximately 20 feet wide and 1,500 feet long, will be left as is. RME understands that B. B. Brooks Co. will be hauling sheep by semi-truck from the site to market over this road.
2. The "field" roads consist of two track trails, unimproved and not maintained, used by RME for access to environmental monitoring and sampling locations. These roads were present prior to any RME activity on the property.
3. It is our understanding that B. B. Brooks Co. will use the tanks for a variety of purposes such as water storage, "dip" tanks, feed bins, etc. Naturally, RME will ensure that all equipment or structures (such as tanks) will be thoroughly cleaned and decontaminated before B. B. Brooks Co. takes possession.

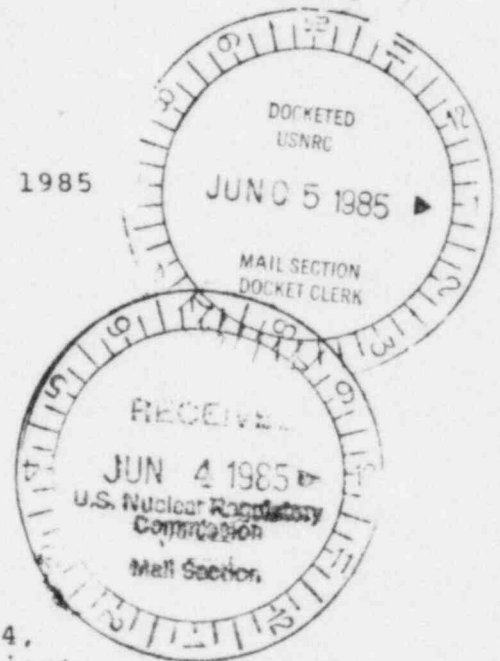
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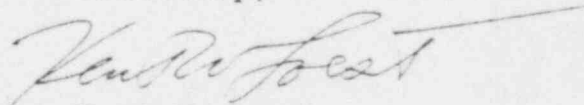


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4. As explained during our meeting, the reservoirs will be recontoured following sludge and liner removal to provide a series of "feeding" ridges within the existing berms. Berms will be selectively cut in both reservoirs to provide free drainage and prevent water impoundment. RME will perform this work prior to site abandonment.
5. The wells listed on page 4 of the Consent Agreement are not associated with the R&D permit area or test activities conducted at the site. They are regional monitor wells which were completed for the purpose of evaluating regional water quality in the Teapot Sandstone and have not been used for any purpose other than ambient groundwater sampling.
6. RME has already advised B. B. Brooks Co. that any change in the use of the regional monitor wells, whether for purpose or amount, may be subject to Wyoming State Engineer approval (see page 3 of RME-B. B. Brooks Co. Consent Agreement).
7. Only those wells within the R&D permit area will be recorded with the State Engineer's Office under the filing required by W.S. 35-11-435. All wells within the R&D permit area will be properly sealed and abandoned by RME.
8. RME will list all wells abandoned in the Record of Location and Nature of Aquifers record to be filed with the State Engineer.

As discussed during our meeting, these responses should provide appropriate clarification for the record and public information needs. Should the Division require additional information regarding the proposed post R&D land uses, we suggest that you contact Dr. H. E. Stuckenhoff, President of B. B. Brooks Co.

Sincerely,



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