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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

REGION IV
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SEP 7 1988

URFO:HDR
Docket No. 40-8906
License No. SUA-1474
04008906010E

Bokum Resources Corporation
ATTN: Kenneth McCorkle, Mine
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Albuquerque, New Mexico 87192

Gentlemen:

The NRC has reviewed your May 9, 1988 request for license termination and agrees to do so without prejudice toward a re-application to the Commission at some future date. A large portion of the information submitted to the State of New Mexico EID in support of the original application will be useful if you should decide to re-apply to the NRC for a new operating license.

Of the seven categories of information listed in your letter, the environmental impact study and modification of the tailings disposal plan to conform to current regulations (10 CFR Part 40, Appendix A) would seem to require the major revision effort. Programs, plans and procedures for health and safety, radiation safety, decommissioning and reclamation developed for the original New Mexico application may serve as the basis for application for a new source material uranium recovery license.

We look forward to discussing a new application for the Bokum facility if market conditions warrant the completion and operation of the mill.

The staff of the NRC's Uranium Recovery Field Office finds that; with the request by the licensee to terminate the existing license originally issued by the State of New Mexico; the fact that a June 28, 1988 termination inspection (copy enclosed) confirmed that the facility has not been completed nor used to process source material; that authorization to renew the current license or to operate would require extensive NRC review nearly equivalent to a new application; and that the licensee does not intend to complete or operate the facility in the near future, there is no need to continue the current license. There are no outstanding license requirements to be resolved.

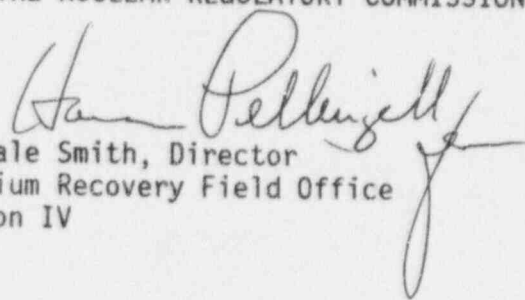
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Therefore, pursuant to Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 40, the NRC hereby terminates Source Material License SUA-1474, effective immediately.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


R. Dale Smith, Director
Uranium Recovery Field Office
Region IV

Enclosure: As stated

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