

September 25, 1996

Rev. Michael L. Dodd, Chairman/CEO  
Silver Eagle Mining Association, Incorporated  
322 South Ash Street  
Pauls Valley, Oklahoma 73075

SUBJECT: LIST OF NRC URANIUM RECOVERY LICENSEES

Dear Rev. Dodd:

In response to your telephone conversation with Mr. James Park and Ms. Charlotte Abrams of my staff on September 17, 1996, I am providing a list of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission uranium recovery licensees; those identified with an asterisk have facilities which are currently in operation or which plan to be in operation in 1997. It is my understanding that this information will be used by Silver Eagle Mining Association, Inc. (SEMA) to identify potential buyers of uranium-bearing ores or solutions recovered as a part of SEMA's proposed commercial precious metals and rare-earth mining operation in California.

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Park on September 23, 1996, you requested clarification of the NRC's role as it relates to the contractual arrangements for the purchase of uranium-bearing ores or solutions. As was discussed in my letter to you of September 10, 1996, the NRC issues licenses for the receipt, possession, and use of source and byproduct materials, as these terms are defined in the letter, but it is not authorized to purchase or procure such materials. The mission of the NRC is to ensure adequate protection of the public health and safety, the common defense and security, and the environment in the use of nuclear materials in the United States. The NRC does require a commercial entity that intends to purchase source or byproduct materials to be appropriately licensed to do so by the NRC or an Agreement State, which the State of California is for source material. The actual contractual agreements between SEMA and a licensed commercial entity do not fall under the purview of the NRC.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the enclosure, please contact Mr. Park at (301) 415-6699.

Sincerely,

/s/ Charlotte Abrams For Daniel Gillen  
Daniel M. Gillen, Acting Chief  
Uranium Recovery Branch  
Division of Waste Management  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
and Safeguards

Enclosure: As stated

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Judy Robbins, SBDC OK

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Kennecott Uranium Company  
c/o Kennecott Energy Company  
505 S. Gillette Avenue  
Caller Box 3009  
Gillette, WY 82717-3009

Atlas Corporation  
Republic Plaza  
370 17th St., Suite 3050  
Denver, CO 80202

Quivira Mining Company  
6305 Waterford Blvd., Suite 325  
Oklahoma City, OK 73118

Plateau Resources Limited \*

877 North 8th West  
Riverton, WY 82501

Atlantic Richfield Company  
555 Seventeenth Street  
Denver, CO 80202

Bear Creek Uranium Company  
c/o Union Pacific Resources  
P.O. Box 130  
Magna, Utah 84044

United Nuclear Corporation  
1720 Louisiana Blvd., NE, Suite 400  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Umetco Minerals Corporation  
P.O. Box 1029  
Grand Junction, CO 81502

Sohio Western Mining Company  
10 East South Temple  
P.O. Box 11248  
Salt Lake City, UT 84147

American Nuclear Corporation  
P. O. Box 2713  
Casper, WY 82602

Homestake Mining Company  
650 California Street  
San Francisco, CA 94108-2788

U.S. Energy Corporation  
877 North 8th West  
Riverton, WY 82501

Crow Butte Resources \*

216 Sixteenth St. Mall, Suite 810  
Denver, CO 80202

Power Resources, Inc. \*

1560 Broadway, Suite 1470  
Denver, CO 80202

Rio Algom Mining Corp. \*

6305 Waterford Blvd., Suite 325  
Oklahoma City, OK 73118

Exxon Corporation  
c/o Exxon Coal and Minerals Company  
P.O. Box 1314  
Houston, TX 77251-1314

\* Has uranium recovery facility currently in operation or anticipated to be in operation in 1997.

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COGEMA Mining, Inc. °  
7401 Wisconsin Avenue  
Bethesda, MD 20814-3416

Western Nuclear, Inc.  
200 Union Blvd., Suite 300  
Lakewood, CO 80228

Pathfinder Mines Corporation  
7401 Wisconsin Avenue  
Bethesda, MD 20814-3416

Energy Fuels Nuclear, Inc. \*  
1515 Arapahoe St., Suite 900  
Denver, CO 80202

Petrotomics Company  
P.O. Box 8509  
Shirley Basin, WY 82615

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