

04006659320E

40-6659

Getty

RETURN ORIGINAL TO PDR, HQ.

Petrotomics Company | P.O. Box 8509, Shirley Basin, Wyoming 82615 • Telephone (307) 234-9341

June 27, 1985

Dr. Harry J. Pettengill, Chief
 Licensing Branch 2
 U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Uranium Recovery Field Office, RIV
 P.O. Box 25325
 Denver, CO 80225



Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, we are in receipt of your notice of May 31, 1985.

Answers to the two (2) items of noncompliance are as follows:

1. "Contrary to the commitment in License Condition No. 11, the licensee failed to establish a program for quality control of bioassays when the analysis responsibility was transferred from the mill radiation safety staff to a contract laboratory."

Transfer to a contract laboratory was the result of the loss of a member of the radiation staff that was responsible for running the bioassay analysis. Spiked samples were not submitted along with the regular samples, although the contract laboratory does maintain an in-house QA program. A review of the requirements for the bioassay program was conducted by the radiation staff on April 24, 1985. All members of the radiation staff are fully aware of the requirements for the bioassay program. Any new staff will be schooled in the requirements to avoid any further violations. Full compliance was achieved on April 24, 1985.

B507300234 B50627
 PDR ADDCK 04006659
 C PDR

DESIGNATED ORIGINAL

Certified By Mary C. Hood

00692

2. "License Condition No. 39 requires, in part, that the licensee maintain a 75-foot tailings beach along the face of the tailings impoundment dam. Contrary to this requirement the licensee did not maintain the 75-foot beach along portions of the dam face."

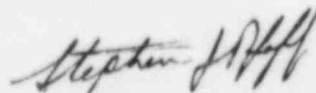
The reduction of beach along portions of the dam face to less than 75 feet was the result of the spring thaw of snow and ice coupled with heavy rains during March and April. A mitigation program was in place prior to the inspection. Spigotting of these areas was initiated to reestablish the beach. Full compliance was achieved on April 28, 1985. Further violations of this type are not anticipated since milling has been terminated and an active program of evaporation of solutions has been implemented.

In reference to the one open item, "failure to complete and maintain groundwater wells in accordance with standard engineering practices."

All wells were capped on April 25, 1985. Cement collars were completed around all wells on June 20, 1985.

If there are any questions about the actions taken, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Stephen J. Pfaff
Radiation Coordinator

SJP:ps