

TVX Mineral Hill, Inc.
ATTN: John H. Hoak, Superintendent
Environmental & Regulatory Affairs
P. O. Box 92
Gardiner, MT 59030

November 15, 1996

Dear Mr. Hoak:

I am responding to your August 23, 1996, letter regarding Invoice AM1778-96 for License No. 25-27416-01. Your letter states that License No. 25-27416-01 has been cancelled. The termination certificate attached to your letter states that the license was terminated in accordance with your request dated July 2, 1996.

Footnote 1 of 10 CFR 171.16 provides that the annual fee is waived when a license is terminated prior to October 1 of each fiscal year. The 1996 annual fee is waived for licensees and holders of certificates, registrations, and approvals who either filed for termination of their licenses or approvals or filed for possession only/storage only licenses prior to October 1, 1995, and permanently ceased licensed activities by September 30, 1995. An amendment request filed after October 1 of each fiscal year to cancel a license does not cancel the annual fee invoice.

Your August 23, 1996, termination request was not timely filed for the purposes of avoiding the FY 1996 annual fee. I am enclosing NRC's small entity certification form (NRC Form 526) for FY 1996. If you determine that your company meets NRC's lower tier small entity size standard, please complete and return the form. A reduced fee of \$400 would then be due, which should be mailed, with the completed form, to the address listed on the invoice.

Accordingly, Invoice AM1778-96 is due and payable. Interest will be waived if payment is received within 30 days from the date of this letter. If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Rita Messier at 301-415-6067.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ronald M. Scroggins

Ronald M. Scroggins
Deputy Chief Financial
Officer/Controller

Enclosure: NRC Form 526

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