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DeLamar Mining Co.

November 12, 1996

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ATTN: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: REPLY TO A NOTICE OF VIOLATION
Kinross DeLamar Mining Company
Jordan Valley, Oregon
Docket No.: 30-32247
License No.: 36-27090-01

- (1) State the reason for the violation, or if contested, the basis for disputing the violation.

Condition 11.B of License 36-27090-01 designates Mr. Ben Carson as the radiation safety officer for this license. On September 3, 1996 Mr. Carson was relieved of his duties as Mill General Foreman, however, he is still in the employment of Kinross DeLamar Mining Company and is able to perform the duties of the radiation safety officer. Mr. Carson will remain in the employment of Kinross throughout 1996. Mr. Carson's employment does not require that he be present at the mine site, however he is "on call" and is available to report as necessary. Therefore, Kinross is in compliance with the regulations and a violation has not occurred.

- (2) State the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved.

The Safety Director, Mr. Martin Davies, and the electrician, Mr. Todd Cline, received a basic radiation safety course similar to that given by the manufacturer when the equipment was installed. The training was provided by Mr. Bruce Peterson, of BHP Enterprises, Boise, Idaho, on September 18, 1996 at the DeLamar Mine site. A letter was mailed October 1, 1996 to Mr. Robert Brown at the NRC, Region IV, requesting that the license be amended and to designate Mr. Davies as the radiation safety officer. A copy of the letter is attached.

- (3) The corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations.

Kinross has trained two employees, so that in the event that the Safety Director is no longer employed by Kinross, an amendment can be immediately filed with the NRC to designate the other employee.

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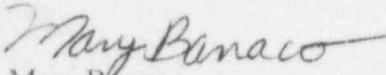
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(4) The date when full compliance will be achieved.

Again, Kinross does not believe that we are out of compliance with the regulations. The NRC is currently processing our amendment and we anticipate an amended license by the end of the year.

Should you have any questions regarding this Reply to a Notice of Violation, please contact me at (208) 583-2511.

Sincerely,



Mary Barraco

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and Environmental Services

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