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Dear Mr. Hooks,

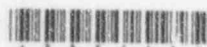
Please send me the Environmental Assessment and the Finding of No Significant Impact concerning the Quivira Mining Company.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8905]

Quivira Mining Company; Final Finding of No Significant Impact;
Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) proposes to amend NRC Source Material License SUA-1473 to authorize the licensee, Quivira Mining Company (QMC), to accept 11e.(2) material for disposal at its Ambrosia Lake uranium mill and tailings site, located near Grants, New Mexico. An Environmental Assessment was performed by the NRC staff in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51. The conclusion of the Environmental Assessment is a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed licensing action.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Source Material License SUA-1473 was originally issued by NRC on September 2, 1986, pursuant to Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), Part 40, Domestic Licensing of Source Material. This license currently authorizes QMC to (1) receive, acquire, possess, and transfer uranium at the Ambrosia Lake facility, (2) possess byproduct material in the form of uranium waste tailings and other uranium byproduct waste generated by operations at the mill, and (3) accept, for disposal, limited amounts of byproduct material from in situ leach (ISL) uranium mining facilities. The mill was operated on a continual basis from May 1958 until January 1985, when the mill was placed on standby.

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