

## **Department of Energy**

Washington, DC 20585

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Ryan Schierman, Uranium Recovery Program Manager Land Quality Division Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality 122 West 25th Street Cheyenne, WY 82001

Subject: Long-Term Compliance with Selenium and Uranium Concentrations in the

Sweetwater River at the Split Rock, Wyoming, Uranium Mill Tailing Radiation

Control Act (UMTRCA) Title II site

Dear Mr. Schierman:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management (LM) will be assigned the responsibility to maintain the remedy at the subject site after the State of Wyoming terminates the specific license. In reviewing information related to the recent selenium Alternate Concentration Limit (ACL) exceedance, DOE has found inconsistencies in the assumptions used to develop the ACLs for selenium and uranium. Based on current site information, DOE is concerned that data is insufficient to demonstrate DOE's ability to meet surface water standards in the Sweetwater River.

DOE questions and protectiveness concerns for selenium and uranium concentrations in the Sweetwater River for long-term management are discussed in the enclosed document. The additional information DOE seeks to determine long-term compliance impacts could be generated by the licensee during the current effort to address the selenium ACL exceedance.

Please contact me at (970) 248-6378 or <u>Tashina.Jasso@lm.doe.gov</u>, if you have any questions. Please address any correspondence to:

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Sincerely,

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