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January 14, 2000

Mr. Thomas Hardgrove
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**RE: Irigaray-Christensen Operations, Permit No. 478, Wildlife Monitoring Revision,
TFN 3 6/303**

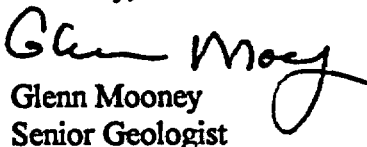
Dear Mr. Hardgrove:

I have reviewed your December 29, 1999, request to discontinue wildlife monitoring at the Irigaray and Christensen Ranch operations. I have also requested and received a review of your proposal from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

In the attached memo and letter you will find that your application is acceptable and complete with the exception of one additional item. A revision Form 11 must be completed in duplicate and returned to this office. Forms for your use are attached.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Glenn Mooney
Senior Geologist

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Attachments

cc: R. Chancellor *w/enc.*
NRC-MD *w/enc.*

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MEMORANDUM

TO: File, COGEMA Mining's Irigaray-Christensen Ranch ISL Operations,
Permit No. 478

FROM: Glenn Mooney *GM*

DATE: January 14, 2000

SUBJECT: Review of Wildlife Monitoring Revision, TFN 3 6/303

Introduction

In letter dated December 22, 1999, Tom Hardgrove of COGEMA Mining, Inc. (COGEMA) submitted an application to discontinue wildlife monitoring at their Irigaray and Christensen Ranch uranium isl operations.

Review

1. Index of Changes

An Index of Changes page was supplied. It correctly showed the changes proposed for the permit document.

No response is required.

2. Wyoming Game and Fish Department Concurrence

I sent a letter on December 29, 1999, to Tom Collins of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (Game and Fish) asking for his review of the application. A copy of the proposed changes was included in my letter.

In a letter dated January 10, 2000, Mr. Collins replied and stated that Game and Fish concurred with the proposed change and recommended that the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality approve the change. A copy of his letter is attached.

3. Permit Change

The revision simply consists of eliminating two lines on Page 2-37 in the list of wildlife monitoring studies. COGEMA will continue to monitor sage grouse strutting grounds and carry out raptor surveys and searches for new nests.

No response is required.

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4. Form 11

In his August 12, 1999, letter to Marion Loomis of the Wyoming Mining Association, Richard Chancellor, Land Quality Division Administrator, stated that applications to reduce wildlife monitoring at mines would be processed as Land Quality Division NonCoal Rules and Regulation Chapter VII permit revisions required completion of a revision Form 11.

Two Form 11's are included for COGEMA's use.

Conclusion

Review of this revision application found it satisfactory. The one remaining item was the need for completion of a revision Form 11.

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Enclosures

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