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Re: License No. SUA-1475 Condition No. 31

Dear Sir:

In compliance with our NRC Radioactive Material License No. SUA-1475, Condition No. 31, the attached Annual Land Use Survey Report is presented.

Sincerely, Larry Bush Manager

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CC: NRC, Region IV, Arlington, TX Steve Cline, GE Roy Blickwedel, GE ANNUAL LAND USE SURVEY REPORT UNITED NUCLEAR CORPORATION

LICENSE SUA-1475

CONDITION NO. 31

MARCH 20, 2000

SURVEY OF LAND OWNERSHIP AND USE WITHIN TWO MILES OF MILL SITE

United Nuclear Corporation License No. SUA-1475 Condition No. 31

1.0 Introduction

This report has been prepared pursuant to License condition 31 of United Nuclear Corporation's License No. SUA-1475. The information submitted in this report was acquired from the master title plat published by the Bureau of Land Management. The surface ownership records are maintained by United Nuclear Corporation. The map is a copy of the USGS Quadrangle of Hardground Flats, Oak Springs, and Churchrock; the photo was revised in 1979. The land use survey was performed by United Nuclear Corporation's Radiation Safety Officer.

2.0 Ownership and Use

Reference the enclosed map for location in regards to mill site.

<u>Area</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Usage</u>
Section 1	Navajo Tribe	Grazing
Section 2*	United Nuclear	Mill & Tailings site plus one
		employee homesite
Section 3	Navajo Tribe	Grazing
Section 4	Indian Allotted	Grazing
Section 6	Indian Allotted	Grazing
Section 9	Navajo Tribe	Grazing
Section 10	Indian Allotted	Grazing plus twelve homesites
Section 11	Navajo Tribe	Grazing
Section 12	BLM, A, Etah, Etal.	Grazing
Section 13	Navajo Tribe	Grazing
Section 14	Indian Allotted	Grazing
Section 15	Navajo Tribe	Grazing

*Additional note for Sec. 2:

The mill has been decommissioned and the site has been cleaned to meet releasable standards for unrestricted use. The tailings area has been reclaimed and interim cover placement was completed in 1991. Final cover including drainage was completed on one-third of the tailings area in 1993, and the second one-third was completed in 1994. Final cover of the last one-third of the tailings area was completed in 1995. Construction of drainage swales and channels to carry surface water away from tailings site was completed in 1996. Final radon emanation testing was performed in September 25, 1996. And the subsequent test result was reported in the "Report on Radon Emanation Testing of Final Radon Cover Over UNC's Church Rock Tailings Site, "Docket No. 40-80907 submitted on January 3, 1997.

<u>Area</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Usage</u>
Section 33	Navajo Tribe	Grazing
Section 34	BLM	Grazing. United Nuclear Corporation has 4 patented and 6 unpatented claims on this section.
Section 35	Navajo Tribe	Grazing. United Nuclear Corporation reclaimed Northeast Churchrock Mine Sites are located on this section.
Section 36	United Nuclear	Unauthorized grazing. Quivira Mining's decommissioned administration offices are located on this section.
Map Northern Portion of 2-mile radius	Navajo Reservation	Gazing, plus 21 homesites. Quivira's reclaimed Churchrock Mine is located on on this area.
Section 31	Indian Allotted	Grazing

3.0 Wells, Use and Location

<u>Well</u> United Nuclear	<u>Use</u> Drinking	Location Section 2-Mill Site	Formation Westwater
Circle Wash	Livestock	Section 14	Alluvium
Abandoned	No known Use	Section 11	Alluvium
J.E. Soper #1	No known Use	Section 1	Two Wells-Member Mancos
BLM – 2	Monitor	Section 12	Alluvium
14T-5 8 6	Domestic/ Livestock	N.I.R. N. Part of Map	Lower Gallup

Significant changes or events which took place since the 1999 Land Use Report

- 1. Fence line construction by UNC personnel or contractor was completed in December, 1999. This fenceline started from the NE corner of Sec. 2 to the SE corner of Sec. 36 and ended or joined the existing fenceline at the NE corner of Sec. 36. And the main objective of this project was to prevent or alleviate the past and present problem of monitoring well damage caused by livestock on Sec. 36.
- 2. As of 8/5/99 on Sec. 2 and 36, total of fourteen seepage collection system wells producing less than 1 GPM were shutdown pursuant to an NRC and EPA mutual agreement. And six wells are presently still active on Sec. 2.

3. Approximate total of 178 inactive test or monitor wells were plugged and capped on UNC property (Sec. 2 and 36) and Navajo Reservation areas (Sec. 3 and 35) during October to November, 1999.

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