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Mr. Thomas Gieck, Remediation Leader
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SUBJECT: UMETCO MINERALS CORPORATION'S REQUEST FOR U.S. NUCLEAR
REGULATORY COMMISSION STAFF APPROVAL OF THE RADIATION
SAFETY OFFICER FOR UMETCO'S GAS HILLS WYOMING SITE
(DOCKET 040-0299)

Dear Mr. Gieck:

I am writing in response to your letters, dated August 13, 2014, and October 14, 2014, (Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Numbers ML14226A654 and ML14289A478, respectively) requesting the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's approval of Ms. Brittany Sandberg as the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) for Umetco's Gas Hills, Wyoming site. License Condition 14 of your radioactive materials license requires that the RSO for the Gas Hills site meets the minimum qualifications outlined in Section 2.4.1 of Regulatory Guide 8.3.1.

The NRC staff does not typically approve a specific individual for the RSO position. Rather, the NRC approves the qualifications appropriate for the RSO position (in this case by incorporating the minimum requirements in your radioactive materials license) and it is incumbent upon the licensee to maintain documentation demonstrating that the RSO meets these qualifications. The information demonstrating that the RSO meets the minimum qualifications would be reviewed during any subsequent inspections of the Umetco site. Therefore, we are neither approving, nor disapproving, Ms. Sandberg as the RSO for the Gas Hills site.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

If you have any questions concerning the NRC comments please feel free to contact me at 301-415-6749 or at Dominick.Orlando@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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