

November 06, 2014

Mr. Lawrence J. Corte  
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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION STAFF REVIEW OF WESTERN NUCLEAR, INCORPORATED FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS SUPPORTING A PARENT COMPANY GUARANTEE AND REQUEST TO AMEND LICENSE CONDITION 29 OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS LICENSE NUMBER SUA-56 (DOCKET 040-01162)

Dear Mr. Corte:

I am writing in response to several letters written by you and Mr. Jerry Roose, of Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold, pertaining to the financial assurance documents and surety amount for the Western Nuclear, Incorporated (WNI) site in Jeffery City, Wyoming. Specifically, these letters are the March 27, 2014 financial assurance update (Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Number ML14093B353), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's June 23, 2014 request for additional information resulting from our review of your March 27, 2014 letter (ML 14160B046), your October 17, 2014 response to our request for additional information (ML14294A115) and your October 7, 2014 request that radioactive materials license SUA-56 be amended to reflect the 2014 surety amount for WNI's Jeffery City site.

Together, these letters provide the basis for WNI's request to use a parent company guarantee as the financial assurance mechanism for WNI's Jeffery City site and the 2014 surety for the site. Because these actions are interrelated, and the information in the letters supports both requests, the NRC staff will treat the separate requests as a single request and will address both requests concurrently.

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](mailto:Dominick.Orlando@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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