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Docket Nos. 40-8794-MLA and 40-8778-MLA ASLBP No. 99-769-08-MLA

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DESIGNATION OF PRESIDING OFFICER

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the <u>Federal Register</u>, 37 Fed. Reg. 28,710 (1972), and Sections 2.1201 and 2.1207 of Part 2 of the Commission's Regulations, a single member of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel is hereby designated to rule on petitions for leave to intervene and/or requests for hearing and, if necessary, to serve as the Presiding Officer to conduct an informal adjudicatory hearing in the following proceeding.

Molycorp, Inc. (Request for Materials License Amendment)

The hearing, if granted, will be conducted pursuant to 10 C.F.R.

Part 2, Subpart L, of the Commission's Regulations, "Informal Hearing

Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings."

This proceeding concerns a request for hearing submitted by the City of

Washington, Pennsylvania, and Canton Township, Pennsylvania. The requests

were filed in response to a notice of receipt by the Nuclear Regulatory

Commission of a license amendment request of Molycorp, Inc., for temporary

storage at its Washington, Pennsylvania facility of decommissioning waste now located at its facility in York, Pennsylvania. The notice of the proposed amendment request was published in the <u>Federal Register</u> at 64 Fed. Reg. 31,021 (June 9, 1999).

The Presiding Officer in this proceeding is Administrative Judge

Peter B. Bloch. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 C.F.R. §§ 2.722, 2.1209,

Administrative Judge Richard F. Cole has been appointed to assist the

Presiding Officer in taking evidence and in preparing a suitable record for review.

All correspondence, documents, and other materials shall be filed with Judge Bloch and Judge Cole in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 2.1203. Their addresses are:

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Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of July 1999.

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In the Matter of

MOLYCORP, INC.

(Request for Materials License Amendment)

Docket No.(s) 40-8794/8778-MLA

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing DESIGNATION OF PRESIDING OFCR have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, except as otherwise noted and in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Sec. 2.712.

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Dated at Rockville, Md. this 15 day of July 1999

Office of the Secretary of the Commission