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June 8, 2001

Environmental Quality Council
Carmen C. Curtis, Secretary
Herschler Building, Rm. 1417, One West
122 W. 25th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Re: Request for Interim Mine Stabilization Renewal for Mining Permit 381C
(TFN 3 1/347)

Dear Ms. Curtis:

Due to the continued depressed uranium market and the recent news in regards to nuclear power plants from the White House, U.S. Energy/Crested Corp. is applying for a renewal of Interim Mine Stabilization (IMS) at its Sheep Mountain Mines located near Jeffrey City, Wyoming.

As one of the requirements for the IMS request, a Landowner's Consent form must be signed by all landowners within the permit boundary. Unfortunately, there has been a death to one of the landowners, Mr. James McIntosh, within the permit area. An effort has been made to locate his widow for her approval and signature. Twice the consent form was sent to forwarding addresses on file at the County Assessor's Office, the last being sent by Certified Mail on June 4, 2001, only to have it returned as "Not Deliverable As Addressed".

Another landowner, Mr. Charles McIntosh, was sent two Consent forms for his signature, but we have not received either of the signed forms as of yet. The last one was also sent by Certified Mail on May 30, 2001 and the green card was signed and returned.

We have received consent from the estate of William McIntosh, the third private landowner within the permit area. This property, involving the McIntosh pit and spoils, is the only area to be directly affected by the IMS request.

Since the next Council meeting is in Lander, we would like to have the request be

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presented to the members of the Council for the issuance of an Order to approve the IMS Renewal in Lieu of Consent at this hearing, following the requirements of Land Quality Division Rules and Regulations, Chapter 3, Section 2(k)(ii)(B). Both properties lacking landowner consent are removed from the area of concern as illustrated on Figure 1 and will not be impacted during the operation or the reclamation of the affected areas within the permit boundary.

A reclamation schedule was submitted with the second IMS Request and the reclamation of some of those line items has already begun. As submitted in the IMS Request, a revised Reclamation Plan will be completed prior to the end of the next 5-year period allowed by the second request.

Sincerely,
U.S. Energy/Crested Corp.



Daniel Arima
Environmental Coordinator

Enclosure

Cc: Mr. Richard A. Chancellor – Administrator, Land Quality Division of WYDEQ
Mr. John Erickson – Senior Specialist, Land Quality Division of WYDEQ

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