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June 10, 1997

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Re: Request for Extension of Time, Nevada Electric Investment Company, Wellington
Preparation Plant, ACT/007/012, File #3, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Collins:

I am in receipt of the latest request, addressed to Mr. Daron Haddock and dated June 9, 1997, for a time extension in order to respond to the 13 technical deficiencies for the December 23, 1996 Technical Analysis. In response to your request, I have evaluated these factors:

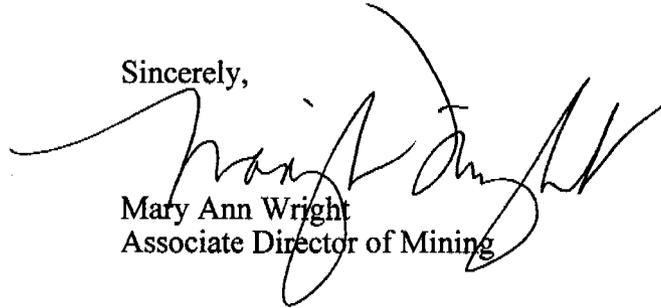
1. The 13 deficiencies to be addressed are relatively minor (3 have already been addressed);
2. This is the fourth extension request;
3. We have been trying to reach compliance on some of these issues for nearly 5 years;
4. The time frame allowed for response with existing extensions has already gained NEICO (the "Permittee") and Earthco (the "Operator") a time period of nearly six months;
5. The reasons cited for each extension have been the same and no new, compelling reasons have been cited;
6. No indication of good faith in addressing these remaining 10 items has been demonstrated.

Therefore, you are hereby granted an extension of one week, until noon on Monday June 16, 1997. At that time, if no materials are received to address this issue, a hindrance Notice of

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Violation will be issued to NEICO for failure to comply with permitting requirements. We look forward to receiving your TA response next week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Ann Wright". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Mary Ann Wright
Associate Director of Mining

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cc: James Scott, Earthco
Richard Hinckley, NEICO
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