



# New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

August 11, 2009

Mr. Lee "Pat" Gochnour  
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**Re: Sampling and Analysis Plan Determined Administratively Incomplete, La Jara Mesa Mine, Laramide Resources (USA) Inc., Permit No. CI008RN**

Dear Mr. Gochnour:

On June 23, 2009 Laramide Resources (USA) Inc. (LRI) submitted a Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) to the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) in support of a New Mine Permit Application (CI008RN) to be submitted to MMD for its proposed La Jara Mesa uranium mine in Cibola County, New Mexico. The SAP has been reviewed by MMD pursuant to 19.10.6.602.C; 19.10.602.D.1-6; 9, and 11; 19.10.6.602.D (12); 19.10.6.602.D (13); and 19.10.6.605.A NMAC.

MMD has determined the SAP to be administratively incomplete. This letter summarizes any items determined to be either deficient or missing from the SAP submittal.

**General Comments:**

The SAP is generally complete; however, some key components, required by the New Mexico Mining Act Rules are missing from the plan. The specific components are identified below.



**Specific Comments:**

1. Pursuant to 19.10.6.602 D. (1-6) NMAC, LRI needs to provide the following: 1) the name of applicant requesting the permit or designated agent; 2) right to enter information regarding the right to enter the surface and mineral estates to conduct mining and reclamation; and 3) the names and addresses of parties with ownerships and controlling interest.
2. Pursuant to 19.10.6.602.(12).(vii) NMAC, *laboratory and field quality assurance plans*, Laramide needs to identify which categories addressed under 19.10.6.602.D12.(a-j) are addressed by the quality assurance plan found in Appendix A. For categories that are not addressed by Appendix A, Laramide needs to provide a specific quality assurance plan, or explain why one is not needed.
3. Pursuant to Sections 19.10.6.602.D.(13).(a-j) and 19.10.6.602.12.(a).(i-vii) NMAC, a number of required components of the SAP were not found in the submittal. These required components are addressed under 19.10.6.602.D.12 (a).(i-vii) NMAC. The specific sections are listed below:
  - (i) sampling objectives;
  - (ii) a list of data to be collected;
  - (iii) methods of collection;
  - (iv) parameters to be analyzed for;
  - (v) maps stating proposed sampling locations;
  - (vi) sampling frequency;
  - (vii) laboratory and field quality assurance plans; and
  - (viii) a brief discussion supporting the proposals.

Please submit additional information to address these deficiencies. The specific deficiencies are provided in Table1 below:

**Table 1.—Deficiencies Identified within LRI’s July 2009 Sampling and Analysis Plan submittal.**

	<u>Sampling Objectives</u>	<u>A list of Data to Be Collected</u>	<u>Methods of Collection</u>	<u>Parameters to Be Analyzed</u>	<u>Maps Stating Proposed Sampling</u>	<u>Sampling Frequency</u>	<u>Laboratory and Field Quality Assurance</u>	<u>A Brief Discussion Supporting the Proposals</u>
1. Climatological Factors		<i>NO</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>NO</i>		<i>NO</i>	<i>NO</i>	
2. Topography							<i>NO</i>	
3. Vegetation					<i>NO</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>NO</i>	
4. Wildlife					<i>NO</i>		<i>NO</i>	
5. Soils								
6. Orebody and Geology							<i>NO</i>	
7. Surface Water								
8. Ground Water					<i>NO</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>NO</i>	
9. Radiological Survey								
10. Prior Mining		<i>NO</i>					<i>NO</i>	<i>NO</i>
11. Historic and Cultural Property					<i>NO</i>		<i>NO</i>	
13. Present and Historic Land Use		<i>NO</i>		<i>NO</i>	<i>NO</i>			

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LRI may resubmit the SAP, or submit the required information as amendments to each section of the SAP. Please provide 7 copies of the revised SAP or of the SAP amendments. If you have any questions, please contact me at 505-476-3432.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Ohori", followed by a small mark that looks like "for".

David Ohori, Permit Lead  
Mining Act Reclamation Program (MARF)  
Mining and Minerals Division

cc: Charles Thomas, Executive Manager, MMD  
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Mine File (CI008RN)