



January 28, 2016

Mr. David J. Ennis, P.G.
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**RE: Anticipated Schedule for Submittal of Closeout Plan
UNC St. Anthony Mine, MK006RE**

Dear DJ:

UNC is responding to your November 24, 2015 request for submission of an anticipated schedule to complete the Closeout Plan and updated financial assurance at the subject mine. Your letter acknowledged that work on the closeout plan depends upon the approval of the Stage 2 Abatement Plan, and the adoption of Alternate Abatement Standards (AASs) as an integral component of the preferred remedy that was identified and approved by the State of New Mexico in the Abatement Plan. Therefore, the point of reference used for the anticipated schedule is the adoption of AASs by the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission. UNC does not know the timing of the Commission's action, but it is our intention to file the petition by June 1. MWH's attached Memorandum estimates that it will take approximately 150 calendar days to complete the plan once the AASs are approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Roy Blickwedel'.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: *Mr. Roy Blickwedel*
General Electric

DATE: *January 22, 2016*

FROM: *Jason Cumbers, PE*
Toby Leeson, PG

SUBJECT: *Anticipated Schedule for Submittal of Final Closeout Plan*
United Nuclear Corporation, St. Anthony Mine,
Cibola County, NM

At the request of GE, MWH has prepared this memo to outline a conceptual schedule to complete and submit a Closeout Plan for the St. Anthony Mine site to New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD). We estimate approximately 150 calendar days to complete the following tasks:

- Review the groundwater analyses and recommended Pit 1 backfill elevations from INTERA. (30 days)
- Update the 2010 site grading plans to include the geochemical stabilization and partial backfill of Pit 1. (30 days)
- Update the site hydrologic analyses to reflect changes to the grading plans. (30 days)
- Revise the grading plans based on the hydrologic analyses. (30 days)
- Update the financial assurance cost estimate for construction. (30 days)
- Prepare the Closeout Plan documents (concurrent with the cost estimate revisions).

This conceptual schedule assumes all other data previously collected including, but not limited to, the cultural resources survey, the vegetation evaluation, and the geotechnical data are sufficient to complete the revisions to the Closeout Plan documents.