



DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
CASPER FIELD OFFICE



DECISION RECORD

for

Cameco Resources/Power Resources Incorporated Reynolds Ranch In-situ Uranium Recovery Project

DOI-BLM- WY-060-EA10-111

Case File Number: WYW-168915

In accordance with 30 USC 22, 43 USC 1201 and 43 USC 1701 et seq., it is my decision to approve the proposal to Cameco Resources/Power Resources Incorporated's Reynolds Ranch In-situ Uranium Recovery Plan of Operations based on the analysis conducted in Environmental Assessment (EA) DOI-BLM-WY-P060-EA10-111 and the attendant Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

Conditioned through mitigation measures, I find that this action will not result in significant impacts on the human environment pursuant to 40 CFR 1508.27 (a) and (b) (1) through (10) and that an environmental impact statement is not required. I further find this action in conformance with the Casper resource management plan (RMP; Dec 2007) and that it will not cause unnecessary or undue degradation. The mitigation measures are listed below. A copy of this decision record shall be followed by and in the possession of the on-site operator during all undertakings approved herein.

Specifically, the approval action consists of Cameco Resources/Power Resources Incorporated's Reynolds Ranch In-situ Uranium Recovery Project as described in the proposed action section of the site-specific EA.

Mitigation Measures

Appropriate mitigation has been included in the proposed action. Section 4.3, "Mitigation Measures Considered," of the EA shall be incorporated into this document as mitigation for the project. In addition, based on a public comment received on this plan of operations/EA, sagebrush shall be included in the seed mix used for final reclamation as a mitigation measure. No additional mitigation is proposed as a result of the impact analysis.

Monitoring

The Reynolds Ranch plan of operations will be monitored in accordance with applicable policies for the 43 CFR 3809 regulations. The current requirement is two inspections per year. Additionally the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality would make regular inspections pertaining to their respective licenses and permits.

Public Involvement

Public input regarding the proposed action has been solicited through a scoping and public review process initiated in June 2008. The BLM received seven comment letters. These public scoping comments are summarized in the EA have been considered in the analysis. BLM circulated a request for consultation or comments to four Native American tribal councils and cultural representatives in July 2010. No specific concerns were identified at that time. The EA was posted on the Casper BLM website and the plan of operations were available for a 30-day public review and comment period, which ended on October 9, 2010. During that time, BLM received one written comment letter. These comments are addressed in the FONSI. A news release will be issued informing the public of the completion and availability of the EA, the FONSI, and the decision record. These will be posted on the Casper BLM website.

Rationale for the Decision

I have reviewed EA and the attendant FONSI (DOI-BLM-WY-P060-EA10-111) for the Reynolds Ranch In-situ Uranium Recovery Plan of Operations. I have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the record of decision and approved Casper RMP dated December 7, 2007 and it will not cause unnecessary or undue degradation.

Appeal

If you do not agree and are adversely affected by this decision, you may request that the Wyoming BLM State Director review this decision. If you request a State Director review, the request must be received in the Wyoming BLM State Office, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003-1828, no later than 30 calendar days after you receive this decision. The request for State Director review must be filed in accordance with the provisions in 43 CFR 3809.805. This decision will remain in effect while the State Director review is pending, unless the State Director grants a stay. If you request a stay (suspension), you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

If the State Director does not make a decision on your request for review of this decision within 21 days of receipt of the request, you should consider the request declined. You may appeal this decision to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA). You may contact the BLM Wyoming State Office to determine when BLM received the request for State Director review. You have 30 days from the end of the 21-day period in which to file your notice of appeal with the Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, WY 82604 which we will forward to IBLA.

If you wish to bypass a State Director review, this decision may be appealed directly to the IBLA in accordance with the regulations at 43 CFR 3809.801(a)(1). Your notice of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days from receipt of this decision. As the appellant, you have the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error. BLM form 1842-1 contains further information on taking appeals to the IBLA.

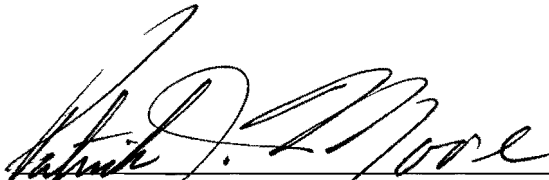
Request for Stay

If you wish to file a petition (pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 4.21) for a stay (suspension) of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal.

A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

- i. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied;
- ii. The likelihood of appellant's success on the merits;
- iii. The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
- iv. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

The appellant requesting the stay bears the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted. The appellant shall serve copies of the Notice of Appeal and petition for a stay on each party named in this decision from which the appeal is taken, and on the appeals board to which the appeal is taken.


Assistant Field Manager, Minerals and Lands
Casper Field Office

01/07/2011
Date