STATE OF NEW MEXICO WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ALTERNATE ABATEMENT STANDARDS FOR THE FORMER ST. ANTHONY MINE, **CIBOLA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

WQCC 16-05 (A)

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UNITED NUCLEAR CORPORATION,

Petitioner.

STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PRESENT TECHNICAL EVIDENCE

Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment provides statement of intent to present technical evidence in the Matter of the Petition for Alternate Abatement Standards ("AAS Petition") for the former St. Anthony mine, Cibola County, New Mexico (WQCC 16-05). As provided in the "Scheduling Order Pursuant to 20.1.3.17(B) and 20.1.3.16(B)(2) NMAC", this statement of intent to present technical evidence is filed with Commission Administrator pursuant to 20.1.3.17(E).

Pursuant to 20.1.3.17(E) this Notice of Intent includes:

- (a) the name of the person filing the statement; Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment (MASE) – Susan Gordon, Coordinator
- (b) indication of whether the person filing the statement supports or opposes the petition at issue;
 Oppose in part, support in part
- (c) the name of each witness; William Paul Robinson
- (d) an estimate of the length of the direct testimony of each witness; 1-1/2 hours
- (e) a list of exhibits, if any, to be offered into evidence at the hearing;

Exhibit A – <u>STATEMENT OF TECHNICAL EVIDENCE OF WILLIAM</u> PAUL ROBINSON

Exhibit B - RESUME OF WILLIAM PAUL ROBINSON

Electronic files of these two exhibits have been provide to the Commission Administrator

(f) a summary or outline of the anticipated direct testimony of each witness.

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This STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PRESENT TECHNICAL EVIDENCE and EXHIBITS A and B have been provide to the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Administrator, Pam Castaneda in electronic format at pam.castaneda@state.nm.us.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that Electronic Copies of The STATEMENT and EXHIBITS A and B have also been provide to:

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What is Proposed?

United Nuclear Corporation (UNC) has petitioned the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) to approve Alternate Abatement Standards (AAS) for key contaminants in groundwater at the St. Anthony mine site on the Cebolleta Land Grant . UNC seeks adoption of the AAS prior to preparation, submittal, review and approval of a mine closure plan that that is proposed to include "partial backfill and geochemical stabilization of pit water and sediments," a closure concept reported, in the AAS Petition, to have been agreed to by a multi-stakeholder Multiple Accounts Analysis (MAA) process conducted by UNC. See Figure 1 Below.

The proposed AAS, shown below, would vastly exceed existing WQCC standards.

| COPC | Proposed AAS | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| Uranium | 12.4 mg/L | | |
| ²²⁶ Ra + ²²⁸ Ra | 2913 pCi/L | | |
| Fluoride | 10.7 mg/L | | |
| Sulfate | 77,000 mg/L | | |
| Total Dissolved Solids | 113,000 mg/L | | |
| Boron | 5.05 mg/L | | |
| Chloride | 908 mg/L | | |

Table 1. Proposed Alternative Abatement Standards

Notes:

mg/L = milligrams per liter pCi/L = picoCuries per liter

The AAS petition, a 1964-page document available on the WQQ webpage at https://www.env.nm.gov/water-quality-control-commission/5087/ addresses the three regulatory criteria for AAS, which must be demonstrated before AAS can be approved. The three criteria required demonstration that, in summary,:

- 1) compliance with existing standards is not achievable,
- 2) proposed standards are achievable and cost benefit justified; and
- 3) proposed standards will not cause a present or future risk to public health or undue damage to property.

UNC asserts that groundwater releases from the St. Anthony mine, where groundwater occurs in the Jackpile Sandstone and surface water occurs as a pit lake in the Large Pit, are controlled by evaporation - 'lost' to evaporation – and no groundwater moves from the pits. They assert that if the pit is covered, the surface water in the Large Pit lake would no longer evaporate and would flow downgradient in the Jackpile Sandstone to water a point of potential discharge to surface water in Meyer Draw, east of the Large Pit within the mine lease area. See Figures 5 and 6 below.

The UNC AAS Petition says,

"Backfilling of open mine pits is the presumptive regulatory approach as put forth in 19.10.5.507B NMAC and the preferred abatement option for the St Anthony Mine. However, to accomplish backfilling there would be an accompanying loss of the evaporative containment of nearby groundwater. As groundwater gradients return to premining conditions, groundwater migrating away from the Site will come into contact with secondary mineralization in the pit walls, evapoconcentrated water in the area of the former Large Pit, and the mineralized ore body. All of these Site features will act to increase levels of constituents of potential concern (COPCs) downgradient of the Site. The proposed AASs are the geochemically-modeled maximum concentrations that could be observed downgradient of the Site and are, therefore, achievable.

"The groundwater flow model determines the future migration of groundwater and solutes away from the Site. [See Figures 6 and 7 of this memo below] The results of the model demonstrate that the very small rate of groundwater discharge to the Meyer Draw is consumed through tamarisk transpiration and evaporation at the seepage face. As detailed in the Stage 2 Abatement Plan (Exhibit 3; INTERA, 2015), the process of evaporation at the seepage face alone effectively eliminates the potential for seepage into Meyer Draw. Flow modeling also has shown that it would potentially take hundreds of years after pit backfilling of the Large Pit for any groundwater to reach Meyer Draw." AAS Petition at 13/1964.

Overview of Questions and Concerns developed upon Review of the AAS Petition

1) Relationship between AAS process and design and approval of reclamation plans – Following review of the AAS Petition, it remains unclear how NMED and MMD will work with the responsible party and others to assure that reclamation of the pit and waste rock at St. Anthony will include a closure plan using "pit backfill with geochemical stabilization" and waste rock reclamation that uses the best available methods for control of contaminants provide for under New Mexico law.

This concern arises as the AAS Petition does not demonstrate how the relevant state agencies insure that UNC will uses the best available control technologies in the development of the St. Anthony mine closure and closeout plans, in the event if the AAS based on the highest potential levels of contaminants theoretically possible are adopted. The AAS Petition asserts that UNC's closure and closure plans will include "pit backfill with geochemical stabilization of pit water and sediments" and consolidation and capping of waste rock however those concepts are not supported by design details or plans.

2) Adequacy and accuracy of data in AAS Petition – Four questions have been identified relating the models used to project the quality and quantity of water that migrate from the St. Anthony mine site. These questions include:

a) the likely overestimation of run-on from precipitation from the St. Anthony mine catchment area to pit water volume;

b) overestimation of future surface area and volume of Large Pit lake;

c) failure to include "kinetic, sorption or other physical and chemical mechanisms in the groundwater model or in the conceptual design for the pit backfill; and

e) establishment of proposed the AAS uranium standard based on assumptions and calculations about uranium mineral not found a the St. Anthony mine. If the reevaluations of the AAS recommended to address the concerns related to over estimation of the contribution of catchment run-on to the St. Anthony pit water balance and the Large Pit lake area trend decreasing towards zero are conducted and show that no water from the pit is likely to reach a point of potential use in the foreseeable future then the basis for the AAS Petition may no long existing.

In that case, pit and waste rock reclamation could proceed with the firm knowledge that:

- 1) all the surface water identified in the Large Pit would have evaporated and
- 2) future precipitation would all evaporate from the "water-balance-type" covers likely to be installed, transpire from plants on the reclaimed surfaces, or be contained by the large pore space and/or reactive material placed at on the bottom of the pit at the base of the backfill material.

If the Large Pit lake evaporates completely, and future water will evaporate or evapotranspire before it reaches the buried Jackpile Sandstone, then no AAS may be appropriate or necessary.

Detailed Discussion of Questions and Concerns

1) Can the best available pit backfill and waste rock reclamation be achieved if the AAS are adopted before a complete application for closure or closeout reclamation plans are proposed to NMED and MMD?

The UNC AAS Petition does not provide a complete mine reclamation plan involving the proposed conceptual plan of backfill with geochemical stabilization of pit water and sediments sufficient to meet applicable MMD or NMED requirements. The Petition asserts that the AAS changes are needed prior to the development and submittal of the pit backfill with geochemical stabilization plan.

It is unclear what geochemical and physical technologies will be used in the pit backfill with geochemical stabilization if the AAS are adopted. Though the AAS petition includes research on a variety of geochemical treatments, only one of the phosphate treatments achieved uranium reduction during the test period. ("sodium tripolyphosphate," 112/1964) No information is provided as to how the geochemical stabilization tests identified in the AAS Petition, or other methods, will be incorporate into the "geochemical stabilization" portions of the pit backfill process.

No information is presented regarding useful groundwater contamination control technologies in the design and construction of the pit backfill that rely on the properties of the rock used to cover the pit bottom. These include use of large pore space material as a pit bottom cover to limit or eliminate potential groundwater movement through pore spaces and reactive rock layers within the backfill layers in contact with the pit bottom.

Adoption of the weakened AAS before a pit backfill and geochemical stabilization plans is proposed may allow for acceptance of a backfill remedy that provides less effective containment of the ground and surface water in the pit for the foreseeable future than would be the case if the AAS are not adopted.

Insuring that pit closure, and associated waste rock reclamation, achieve the best available control of contaminants in perpetuity may be limited if the standards for performance weakened significantly, as is proposed by UNC.

- 2) The AAS proposed by UNC are set at the highest possible values based on the geochemical modeling conducted to support the petition. Concerns regarding the model include:
 - a) Likely overestimation of run-on from catchment area to pit water volume;
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 - e) AAS uranium standard based on assumptions and calculations about uranium mineral not found at the St. Anthony mine.

2a) Overestimation of Run-on from Catchment area - The AAS petition supporting documents may over estimate the amount of precipitation in the Large Pit catchment area, resulting in overestimation of the water entering the pit lake. See Figure 7 Below.

The AAS Petition says,

"Both the Large Pit and the Small Pit have been observed to capture and store run-off. Although run-off into the two pits is estimated to be a small percentage of precipitation, the catchment areas for the two pits are large enough to collect significant amounts of water. Using a water balance calculation, Dames and Moore (1985) estimated that only 1% of precipitation would produce runoff to the Jackpile Mine pit. INTERA (2006) estimated that 15% of precipitation that falls within the pit watershed would reach the pit as run-off based on a runoff coefficient for a pasture with sandy and gravelly soils. Ponded water has been observed to remain for months within the Small Pit, where it can infiltrate into the exposed Jackpile sandstone or is lost to evapotranspiration.

"In summary, precipitation at the Site is far exceeded by the combination of transpiration during the growing season and evaporation throughout the year. Infiltration of precipitation into the subsurface is negligible across the Site except at a limited number of locations such as the Small Pit. Tamarisk transpiration is estimated to remove groundwater from the Jackpile sandstone at a rate of roughly 14 gpm along a reach of Meyer Draw." (Petition at 139/1964)

The geochemical model may significantly overestimate the precipitationderived water – "run-on" from the pit watershed reaching the pit and contributing to the volume of "groundwater to be contained." (See Figure 7 below which is Table 5-12 at AAS Petition 142 and 143/1964) INTERA assumes 15% of precipitation based estimate from an analog considerations reaches pit rather than 1% of precipitation producing runoff from Jackpile data. The assumption by INTERA results in run-on into pit from catchment area being the largest source of inflow in the Water Balance for the Large Pit, (Figure 7).

Assumption of a lower, more appropriate, run-on rate – such as 1% - would significantly reduce or eliminate the largest contributor to the Large Pit water balance. the volume of surface and groundwater at the pit pond therefore reduce the area affected by migration after backfill to Meyer Draw. Assumption that 15% of precipitation run-on reaches the Large Pit lake after closure assumes that no water balance cover is installed, and that is not a reasonable assumption. The geochemical model should be revised to reflect a more appropriate estimate of run-on from the catchment area.

If 1% of precipitation results in run-on into the pit from the catchment area, rather than 15% as modeled, there may be no needed for AAS as there would be no water migration from the pit after backfill is completed.

2b) Overestimation of pit water volume and area

Overestimation of the volume of the volume of water in the pit lake at the Sta. Anthony mine is likely to result in overestimation of the extent of migration of those waters after pit backfill. Comparison of modeling parameters for the Large Pit lake and aerial imagery in the AAS Petition shows extensive shrinking of the lake during the past decade. See Figures 2, 3 and 4 below.

Modeling parameters for the Large Pit lake identified in the Stage 1 Abatement Plan portion of the AAS Petition include the area of the Large Pit lake as 488,827 sq. feet (Table 3-2, p. 670/1964), and average pit lake depth of 5 feet and pit lake volume of 2,444,135 cubic feet, based analyses of 2006 aerial imagery (Table 3-4, 672/1964).

In the Stage 2 Abatement Plan portion of the AAS Petition at p. 143/1964, the modeling parameters for the Large Pit lake have shrunk significantly to an area of 174,000 sq. feet and a volume of 875,000 cubic feet, for 2012 (Table 5-3, 142-3/1964). See Figure 4 below (which is Table 5.5, AAS Petition 221/1964).)

The Large Pit lake area has shrunk to 35% of its size between 2006 and 2012, with the volume of the pit lake falling to 35% of the volume between 2006 and 2012.

The five-foot average depth of the Large Pit lake was identified in the Stage 1 Abatement Plan from 2006 data, (Table 3-4, 672/1964) can be compared to the five-

six foot drop in Pit Lake water levels between 2004 and 2014, shown in Figure 4 below.

The change in the value of the modeling parameters of the Large Pit lake water balance between 2006 and 2014 show that it is shrinking rapidly in both area and volume. Were the Large Pit lake shrinkage trend, and the contribution of run-on from the pit catchment reduced to a more typical value, the volume of water available for migration from the Large Pit lake following backfill would be significantly reduced.

If significantly less water would be available for migration from the Pit and the projected migration of what ever water is left after the Large Pit lake is fully evaporated, the need for the AAS as precondition for approval of the backfill plan may not be necessary or appropriate.

2c) Failure to include reaction kinetics, sorption processes, mass transfer and geochemical process overestimates the mobility of the contaminants in the Large Pit lake.

The AAS Petition says,

"Equilibrium between groundwater and minerals in the host rock is a simplifying assumption. Other geochemical processes that may influence uranium solubility include reaction kinetics, sorption processes, and irreversible mass transfer. At present, there are very limited experimental data on the kinetics of uranium mineral precipitation, dissolution, sorption, and mass transfer rates. Therefore, these processes were not considered in detail. As these processes would likely decrease the concentration of uranium as it travels away from the orebody, the values provided are conservative estimates." 116/1964

The failure to consider a fuller scope of geochemical mechanisms results a likelihood of over estimate of the migration of water and contaminants from the Large Pit to a point of potential use or discharge. A revision of the model updating the scope of geochemical factors considered would provide a more thorough assessment of potential migration.

A wider scope of geochemical mechanisms including but not limited to reaction kinetics, sorption processes, and irreversible mass transfer should be incorporated into the modeling of groundwater and contaminant migration at the St. Anthony mine before a final decision on the need for or level of AAS is determined.

2d) Uranium attachment to tamarisk roots, and other biological and microbiological constraints on contaminant migration are not considered.

The AAS Petition incorporates the evapotranspiration capacity of tamarisks in its hydrologic modeling. The Petition incorporates the evapotranspiration of tamarisks in its water balance model. The incorporation of the evapotranspiration by

tamarisks existing along Meyer Draw into the models results in finding that any groundwater that might reach the alluvium of Meyer Draw is likely to evapotranspire from the tamarisk field currently existing and therefore not be water than would be available for use.

Recent research shows tamarisk uptake of uranium from soils as demonstrated by significantly higher uranium concentration in tamarisk roots than the uranium concentration in alluvial soils along the Rio Paguate. See, for example, DeVore, C. L., "Chemical interactions and mobility of uranium near abandoned mine wastes at Rio Paguate, Laguna, New Mexico, 2015, UNM Thesis at http://digitalrepository.unm.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1016&context=wr_sp

The AAS Petition does not include consideration of biological and microbiological controls on contaminant migration that retard the migration of contaminants and may over estimate the migration of contaminants by failing to include appropriate biological and microbiological processes demonstrated in the area of the St. Anthony Mine.

The accumulation of uranium by tamarisk roots is mechanism that is likely to reduce the potential for release of contaminants that should be incorporated into the modeling of groundwater and contaminant migration at the St. Anthony mine before a final decision on the need for or level of AAS is determined.

2e) The proposed uranium AAS is set as a function of a model of the solubility of uranophane, a secondary uranium mineral, however uranophane was not identified as one of the secondary uranium minerals at the St. Anthony mine in a petrographic study included in the AAS Petition. Setting the AAS as a function of uranium compounds found at the site is likely to more appropriately reflect site characteristics and may provide a basis for a change in the uranium AAS, if AAS are determined to be appropriate and necessary.

A brief review of references to uranophane in the New Mexico uranium literature show that the uranophane occurrences in Grant Mineral Belt are associated with Todilto limestone-based uranium deposits rather than Jackpile Sandstone-uranium deposits. See, for example, Berglof and McLemore, "Economic geology of the Todilto Formation," 2003, pp. 179-189 in: Geology of the Zuni Plateau, New Mexico Geological Society 54th Annual Fall Field Conference Guidebook, at https://nmgs.nmt.edu/publications/guidebooks/downloads/54/54 p0179 p0189. pdf

Revised parameters incorporating the thermodynamics of secondary uranium minerals identified at the St. Anthony site should be incorporated in to the modeling of groundwater and contaminant migration at the St. Anthony mine before a final decision on the need for or level of AAS is determined.



Figure 1 – Illustration of "Pit backfill with geochemical stabilization of water and sediment" - AAS Petition 186/1964

Figure 2 – Aerial View of St. Anthony Large Pit - 2011



Figure 3 – Aerial view of St. Anthony Large Pit - 2006





Figure 4 – Pit Water Levels 2004-2014 – AAS Petition 226/1964



Figure 5 – Projected area of groundwater migration derived from AAS Petition modeling – small view

Figure 6 – Area of project groundwater migration projected by AAS Petition modeling – large view



Figure 7 – Water Balance for Large Pit – AAS Petition 142-143

| Parameter | Value | Units | Value | Units |
|---------------------------------|---------|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Precipitation | 4.93E-1 | ft/yr | | |
| Area of Large Pit water 2012 | 1.74E5 | ft ² | | |
| Volume of Large Pit water 2012 | 8.75E5 | ft ³ | | |
| Parameter | Value | Units | Value | Units |
| Volume of Large Pit water 2013 | 1.18E5 | ft ³ | | |
| Evaporation | 4.57E1 | ft/yr | | |
| Pan Coefficient | 7.5E-1 | | | |
| Runoff Coefficient | 1.5E-1 | | | |
| Watershed Area | 1.05E7 | ft² | | |
| Pit wall area | 1.23E6 | | | |
| Pit wall - Large Pit water area | 1.06E6 | | | |
| Watershed - Pit wall area | 9.28E6 | | | |
| Precip on Large Pit water | 8.58E4 | ft³/yr | 1.2 | gpm |
| Run-on from pit walls | 7.81E4 | | 1.1 | |
| Run-on from catchment area | 6.86E5 | | 9.9 | |
| Evaporation | 5.97E5 | | 8.6 | |
| Annual storage change | 7.57E5 | | 10.8 | |
| Groundwater inflow | 5.04E5 | | 7.3 | |

Table 5.2. Water Balance for Large Pit

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INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAM COORDINATOR - 2014 - 2016

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- "Sharing Best Practices for Human Health Research in Communities Affected by Ecological Damage in Russia and the USA: A Peer-to-Peer Dialogue Engaging Scientists, Civil Society Organizations, and Affected Community Residents," A project funded by the US-Russia Peer-to-Peer Dialogue, a program supported the US Department of State. Project Archive including presentations, papers and background documents at http://www.sric.org/russia_dialogue/index.php

INTERNATIONAL MINING AND THE ENVIRONMENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM COORDINATOR - 2007 - present

"Mining and the Environment Exchange Program" Annual program since 2007 involving civil society organization, community, company and government representatives in field programs at mines, renewable energy production sites and cultural resources in the Lake Baikal Basin in Russia and Mongolia and the US Southwest, funded by Trust for Mutual Understanding, NYC, NY

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACTOR - 2008 - 2015

- Technical Assistance for Brownfields (TAB) consultant, sub-contractor to EPA Region 5, 6, 7 and 8 TAB contractor - Kansas State University TAB Center, Manhattan, Kansas, <u>www.ksutab.org</u> - 2013 - 2015

- Technical Assistance for Superfund Communities (TASC) contractor to US EPA assisting Spokane Tribe of Indians and SHAWL Society Pond Road Community Association on the Navajo Nation and other communities affected by the Dawn Mining/Newmont Mining Midnite Uranium Mine Superfund Site – 2012

- Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) contractor to US EPA assisting Bluewater Valley Downstream Alliance affected by the Barrick Gold/Homestake Mining Company uranium mill and mill tailings site Superfund Site – 2010 – 2013

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PROJECT DIRECTOR, NAVAJO LAND SELECTION PROJECT – 1994 – 2008, Technical Support to Navajo-Hopi Land Commission and Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office of the Navajo Nation initiative to select, acquire and development lands to benefit Navajo families and communities affected by Relocation as contractor Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation, Flagstaff, AZ

PROJECT COORDINATOR - CITIZENS' MINING INFORMATION NETWORK - 1991 – 1996 - Southwest Research and Information Center. Project provides current technical and policy-related information on mining to citizens and community organizations across the US. This Project funded by United States Environmental Protection Agency and private donors.

WATER RESOURCE SPECIALIST - NORTHERN NEW MEXICO WATER PROJECT - June 1984 - June 1990 - At Southwest Research and Information Center. Project provided technical support for community and governmental organizations in northern New Mexico. This project funded by the Ford Foundation.

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- "Remediation of the Terrero Mine and El Molino Mill, San Miguel County, New Mexico", with Dennis McQuillan, New Mexico Environment Department and Virginia McLemore, N.M. Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, In "Environmental Conditions f the Animas and San Juan Watersheds with Emphasis on the Gold King Mine and other Mine Wastes," New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute, Farmington, NM, May 17-18, 2016. Abstract at https://animas.nmwtri.nmsu.edu/2016/abstracts/oral-presentations/

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