

Strata Energy, Inc. License for a Uranium Recovery Project in Crook County, Wyoming

Proposed Action

New License Application

On January 4, 2011, Strata Energy, Inc. (Strata) submitted an application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a source materials license to construct and operate the proposed Ross Project, an *in-situ* uranium recovery (ISR) facility to be located in Crook County, Wyoming. The NRC staff accepted Strata's license application for detailed technical review on June 28, 2011. The facility, if licensed, would use an ISR technology to extract uranium at the 1,721-acre project site located adjacent to the ranching community of Oshoto, approximately 21.5 miles north of Moorcroft on County Route 68 (D Road).

For additional information regarding the proposed action, Strata's license application is publicly available from the NRC's Agency Wide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). The ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room is accessible at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The accession number for Strata's source materials application is ML110120063 and the application is also available online directly from the project's web page at <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/uranium-recovery/license-apps/ross.html>.

NEPA Review Schedule

The NRC staff is preparing a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) to the *Generic Environmental Impact Statement for In-Situ Leach Uranium Milling Facilities Volumes 1 and 2* (NUREG-1910) for the Strata license application, which will include analyses of impacts to historic properties and cultural resources. The timeline for the Ross Project environmental review is provided below.

Environmental Review: Strata Ross	Date
Draft SEIS Issued	January 2013
Final SEIS Issued	November 2013
Licensing Action Completed	December 2013

NHPA Section 106 Review

A. Recent Past Activities

The NRC staff is currently in the process of identifying historic properties and cultural resources with Tribes. The NRC staff initiated the NHPA Section 106 consultation process by letter dated February 9, 2011. Additional key Section 106 consultation activities for the Ross Project are listed below.

- The NRC staff conducted site visits of the proposed Strata Ross Project - September 13, 2011 and November 2, 2011.
- The NRC staff conducted Section 106 consultation meetings - September 14, 2011 and November 3, 2011.

- The NRC staff distributed copies of the official transcripts of the two consultation meetings to each Tribe on December 22, 2011, along with the un-redacted version of the Class III Cultural Resources Inventory, updated from the license application.

B. Future Activities

- The NRC staff plans to consult with Tribes on the parameters of a survey for historic properties of religious and cultural significance at the Ross Project within the areas of potential effects during spring/summer 2012.
- The NRC staff plans to allow Tribes an opportunity to visit the Ross Project site in order to conduct a site walkover to identify historic properties of religious and cultural significance during summer 2012.
- After identifying historic properties, the NRC staff will assess effects to historic properties of religious and cultural significance in consultation with the consulting parties during the summer or fall 2012.

C. Schedule

NHPA Section 106 Review: Strata Ross	Date
Tribal Representatives Site Study for Identification of Historic Properties of Religious and Cultural Significance at the Ross Project Site	Summer 2012
Section 106 Review Completed	April 2013

For questions about this summary, or for additional information about the Ross Project, please contact Ms. Johari Moore, Project Manager, at (301) 415-7694 or at Johari.Moore@nrc.gov.