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Ben,

I wanted to inform you that the NRC mistakenly included the Strata enclosure in the status update letter sent to Mr. Maynahonah, Chairman of the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma. Because the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma declined to be a consulting party for the Ross Project (ML11336A224), the NRC did not intend to include the Strata enclosure in this tribe's status update letter. For that reason, Strata did not receive a copy of the letter to Mr. Maynahonah. I have attached a copy of the letter for your information (Package: ML12139A211). The NRC does not plan to send the Strata enclosure to the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma with its future status update letters.

Thank you,

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Mr. Louis Maynahonah, Chairman
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SUBJECT: PERIODIC STATUS UPDATE ON NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
AND NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT SECTION 106
CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES FOR PROPOSED URANIUM RECOVERY
PROJECTS

Dear Chairman Maynahonah:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is reviewing license applications for proposed uranium *in-situ* recovery (ISR) projects. As part of its detailed technical reviews for each of the projects, the NRC staff is preparing environmental documents in accordance with *Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 51*, which implements the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

As stated in prior correspondence, the NRC staff plans, to the extent possible, to coordinate its NEPA review with its obligations under Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966* (NHPA). This approach is consistent with 36 CFR Part 800.8 "*Coordination with the National Environmental Policy Act.*" As part of its NEPA review, NRC staff will analyze impacts to historic properties and cultural resources, including properties and resources that may be of religious and cultural significance to federally recognized Indian Tribes. The NRC staff will also make all findings and determinations required under NHPA regulations.

The NRC staff recognizes the special relationship that exists between Tribal governments and the Federal government. To facilitate government-to-government consultation, with this letter the NRC staff is providing updates for proposed actions in which your Tribe may have an interest.

Enclosed is a status summary for each of the uranium ISR applications that are presently being reviewed by the NRC staff. The summary describes: (1) the Proposed Action; (2) the NEPA Review Schedule; and (3) the NHPA Section 106 Review.

The NRC appreciates the opportunity to consult with you on issues within the scope of the NHPA. The following individuals serve as NRC management representatives when meeting with Tribal leaders:

L. Maynahonah

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Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) and other Tribal staff may provide input to, and obtain additional information from, the project manager associated with each pending ISR application. The names of the project managers and their contact information are listed in the enclosed information. In addition, THPOs and other Tribal staff with questions about this letter or its enclosures may contact Mr. Alan Bjornsen, Tribal Point-of-Contact for Uranium Recovery Projects, at 301-415-1195 or Alan.Bjornsen@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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