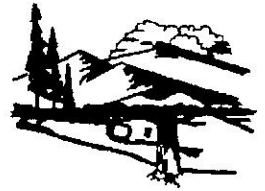




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August 2, 2012

Ralph Knode
CEO
Strata Energy, Inc.
406 W 4th Street
Gillette, Wyoming, 82717

Re: Ross ISR Project Application for a Permit to Mine TFN 5 5/217, Technical Review Round 5

Dear Mr. Knode,

The Ross ISR Project Application is now "**Technically Adequate**" and suitable for final publication under W.S. §35-11-406(j). Attached to this letter is a draft public notice format with guidance and a draft affidavit that must be completed in order to fulfill notification requirements. This process is explained in the DEQ/LQD, Non-coal SOP, No. 1.4. Please return to me a copy of the final notification as soon as possible so that I can complete the Land Quality Division portion of the process.

I have attached a revised **Public Notice** section to be used in place of the public notice section of the Format #6. Please use this format for your public notice submittal.

Please contact me if any questions arise.

Respectfully,

Miles Bennett
Natural Resources
Analyst

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Attachments.

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