

April 10, 2014

Mr. Michael Blackwolf, Director
Fort Belknap Tribe
656 Agency Main Street
Harlem, MT 59526-9455

SUBJECT: FINAL PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED
ROSS IN SITU URANIUM RECOVERY PROJECT

Dear Mr. Blackwolf:

Enclosed is the final Programmatic Agreement (PA) signed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), regarding measures to continue to evaluate identified sites, assess effects, and resolve adverse effects on historic properties from the proposed Ross In Situ Uranium Recovery Project in Crook County, Wyoming.

This document incorporates the changes, comments, and edits provided by the consulting parties during the development of the PA. On behalf of the NRC, I would like to thank you for your involvement in the development of this PA.

The NRC staff requests that all Signatories (Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, U.S. Bureau of Land Management Newcastle Field Office, and Strata Energy, Inc.) respond within 7 business days of receipt of this letter to sign the PA. The PA becomes effective upon receipt of the required Signatories' signature pages. If, as an Invited Signatory, you choose not to sign the enclosed PA, please advise the NRC in writing. If Strata Energy, Inc. chooses not to sign the enclosed PA, the NRC staff cannot yet document completion of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

All Concurring Parties (the Blackfeet Tribe, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Chippewa Cree Tribe, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe, Apsaalooke (Crow) Nation, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Eastern Shoshone Tribe, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Fort Belknap Community, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribe, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Northern Arapaho Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Three Affiliated Tribes (Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nations), Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, and the Yankton Sioux Tribe) are requested to respond within 45 days of receipt of this letter. If, as a Concurring Party, you choose not to sign the enclosed PA, please advise the NRC in writing.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

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Please forward your signed signature page to Ms. Johari Moore, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, or via email at Johari.Moore@nrc.gov within the above specified review period.

Thank you, once again, for your input to this document.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Larry W. Camper, Director
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