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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF THE ISSUANCE OF AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON
DRAFT INTERIM STAFF GUIDANCE FOR CONDUCTING THE SECTION 106
PROCESS OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT FOR
URANIUM RECOVERY LICENSING ACTIONS**

Dear Mr. Adams:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has issued the draft Interim Staff Guidance (ISG) FSME-ISG-02, "Guidance for Conducting the Section 106 Process of the National Historic Preservation Act for Uranium Recovery Licensing Actions," for review and comment. The purpose of this draft ISG is to assist NRC staff in conducting the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA) Section 106 process, specifically for uranium recovery licensing actions. While this guidance is primarily intended for the NRC staff, it also provides useful information for participants in the Section 106 process for uranium recovery licensing actions.

The NRC staff is enclosing the draft ISG for your review and comment. Please provide any comments during the public comment period. The NRC originally stated the public comment period ends September 2, 2014 (79 FR 34792). However, the NRC has decided to extend the comment period until November 17, 2014. The NRC plans to announce the extension of the public comment period in a separate *Federal Register* notice. Comments should be submitted in writing, either by mail to Ms. Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, Mailstop: 3WFN-06-44M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 (include Docket ID NRC-2014-0142 in the subject line), or under Docket ID NRC-2014-0142 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. The NRC staff will review and consider the comments received in response to this request and revise the ISG, as appropriate.

The draft ISG is publicly available in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The ADAMS Accession Number for the draft ISG is ML14163A049.

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Diana Diaz-Toro, Project Manager, by phone at 301-415-0930, or by e-mail at Diana.Diaz-Toro@nrc.gov.

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