

April 16, 2015

Mr. Mark L. Azure, President  
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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S  
REQUEST FOR A FORMAL DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FROM THE  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF HISTORIC PLACES  
CONCERNING TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE AREA  
OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS FOR ROSS IN SITU URANIUM RECOVERY  
PROJECT

Dear President Azure:

Following the recommendation of the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has requested a formal Determination of Eligibility from the Keeper of the National Registry of Historic Places (the Keeper) concerning traditional cultural properties located within the area of potential effects for the Ross In Situ Uranium Recovery Project. The attached letter and its enclosures were sent to the Keeper on April 2, 2015, via overnight delivery. I have confirmed receipt of the information and the start of their 45 day review, which we estimate will conclude on approximately May 18, 2015. The enclosures to the attached letter to the Keeper are not being transmitted with this letter.

This letter, the letter sent to the Keeper and its publically available enclosures are available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of the 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>. Other publicly available documents related to this action can also be found in the NRC Public Document Room or from ADAMS under docket number 40-9091.

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Thank you for your continued participation in this process. If you have any questions or require additional information, please, contact Ms. Jean Trefethen at (301) 415-0867 or via e-mail at [Jean.Trefethen@nrc.gov](mailto:Jean.Trefethen@nrc.gov). Ms. Trefethen has replaced Ms. Johari Moore as the Project Manager implementing the Programmatic Agreement for the Ross ISR Project.

Sincerely,

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and Environmental Review  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
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Docket No.: 40-9091

Enclosure:  
Letter to Keeper dated April 1, 2015

cc: Mr. Morris E. Belgarde, THPO

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