

July 20, 2015

Mr. John M. Fowler, Executive Director
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Office of Federal Agency Programs
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Washington, DC 20004

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF STRATA ENERGY INC.'S PROPOSED KENDRICK
EXPANSION AREA OF THE ROSS IN SITU URANIUM RECOVERY SITE
LOCATED IN CROOK COUNTY, WYOMING (DOCKET NO.: 40-9091)

Dear Mr. Fowler:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received a license amendment application from Strata Energy Inc. (Strata), dated March 20, 2015, for License SUA-1601 requesting authorization to expand its Ross in situ leach uranium recovery (ISR) project to include the Kendrick Expansion Area. The license amendment, if granted, would allow Strata to construct and operate additional ISR wellfields at the Kendrick expansion area, which covers 7,873 acres adjacent to the Ross site. A map showing the proposed project location in Crook County, Wyoming is enclosed.

Upon completion of the NRC's acceptance review of the license amendment application, and if the license application is accepted, then a detailed technical review would take place, consisting of both an environmental and safety review. The environmental review will be conducted in accordance with the regulatory provisions in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 51 (10 CFR Part 51), which implement the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). The NRC's environmental review will assess the potential environmental impacts of major Federal actions that may significantly affect the human environment.

In accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.8 (Coordination with the National Environmental Policy Act), the NRC staff is using the NEPA process to comply with its obligations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA). The environmental review will also include analyses of potential impacts to historic and cultural resources.

Since you are currently a signatory to the Ross Programmatic Agreement (PA), we want to keep you informed of ongoing activities. The NRC has sent notification of this amendment application to the other Ross PA signatories, which includes 24 Tribes, Bureau of Land Management, and the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Officer along with requests to consult or cooperate on this licensing action.

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Information on the Kendrick expansion area amendment application is available on the project's webpage at <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/uranium-recovery/license-apps/kendrick.html>.

Documents are also publicly available from the NRC's Agency Wide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which can be accessed online at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact the environmental Project Manager, Mrs. Jessie Muir Quintero, by telephone at 301-415-7476, or via email at Jessie.Muir-Quintero@NRC.gov.

Sincerely,

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