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Mr. Richard (Rick) Miller  
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**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF WYOMING STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE CONCURRENCE ON THE MINIMIZATION AND MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON 48CK2219 AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE UNDER THE PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT FOR THE ROSS IN SITU URANIUM RECOVERY PROJECT IN CROOK COUNTY, WYOMING (DOCKET NUMBER: 40-9091)**

Dear Mr. Miller:

On December 1, 2017, the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (WY SHPO) concurred on the Minimization and Mitigation Plan (MMP) for the adverse effects of the Ross In Situ Uranium Recovery (ISR) Project on Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) 48CK2219. The development of a MMP is required under Stipulation D of the Ross ISR Project Programmatic Agreement (PA) for all adversely effected properties. TCP 48CK2219 is the only property determined to be adversely effected. The MMP is the result of several consultation meetings with the PA Parties (Signatories, Invited Signatories and Consulting Tribes) where minimization and mitigation strategies were discussed. A draft version of the MMP was provided to all PA Parties for an opportunity to review and comment. Two webinars were held to discuss the draft MMP in detail and to receive comments from the PA Parties. In accordance with PA Stipulation D.2.g, upon WY SHPO's final concurrence the MMP is appended to the PA.

The next step in the process is to implement the MMP. As presented in the MMP, Strata will develop an interpretive sign and host a website dedicated to pre-settlement history of the project area. Strata will design, erect, and maintain the interpretive sign near the entrance to the mine and adjacent to a public roadway. The sign would be maintained by Strata for the duration of the license; however, the content will not be revised following installation. The website will be designed, funded, and maintained by Strata through contracted administrators for the duration of the license. Additional content for the website will be accepted for the duration of the project license. This content may include, but not be limited to, tribal histories, stories, legends, tribal practices in the vicinity of the project area. If provided to Strata, tribal input would be added to the website. In the absence of the tribal input Strata will continue to use the available information, including the Ethnographic Context. If input is provided following the website going live and over the duration of the license, the content will be added to the website by Strata or contracted administrators.

Website roll-out will occur within approximately 3 months of this notification, with installation of the interpretive sign in a similar time frame. If you would like to provide input to the interpretive sign design or for the website before initial web roll-out, please provide your input within 45 days of this letter notification. To provide input you may contact Ms. Jean Trefethen, Project Manager at 301-415-0867 or via e-mail at [Jean.Trefethen@nrc.gov](mailto:Jean.Trefethen@nrc.gov) or Mr. Benjamin Schiffer at 307-672-2419 or via e-mail at [BSchiffer@wwcengineering.com](mailto:BSchiffer@wwcengineering.com). Strata will notify the parties and Consulting Tribes that the website is available to the public and that the interpretive sign installation is complete. Strata will maintain the website and accept user-submitted content for the duration of the license.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Section 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 website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Sincerely,

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## Attached List for Letter to Mr. Richard (Rick) Miller

Dr. Alice Tratebas, Archaeologist, BLM, Newcastle Field Office  
Ralph Knode, Chief Executive Officer, Strata Energy, Inc.  
Mike Griffin, Strata Energy, Inc.  
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Sarah Stokely, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
Alvin Not Afraid, Jr., Chairman, Apsaalooke (Crow) Nation  
William Big Day, THPO, Cabinet Head, Apsaalooke (Crow) Nation  
Harry R. Barnes, Chairman, Blackfeet Tribal Business Council  
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Eddie Hamilton, Governor, Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribe  
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Harold C. Frazier, Chairman, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe  
Steven Vance, THPO, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe  
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