



**UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

February 7, 2019

Western Energy Company  
ATTN: Nora J. Buchholz  
Radiation Safety Officer  
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Colstrip, MT 59323

**SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF WESTERN ENERGY COMPANY BANKRUPTCY  
NOTIFICATION**

Dear Ms. Buchholz:

This acknowledges your letter dated February 4, 2019, informing the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that Western Energy Company filed for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court on October 9, 2018.

Please be informed that the bankruptcy filing does not relieve Western Energy Company of its obligations to comply with NRC requirements, including those relating to the security and control of licensed material, classified material and information, decontamination and decommissioning of contaminated facilities, and the retention of personnel required by NRC requirements [e.g., the radiation safety officer, authorized users]. Additionally, the NRC will continue to conduct inspections of your activities.

Please be aware that you must first properly secure, dispose of, or transfer all licensed material, and you must inform NRC of this situation. This includes, for example, if you need to close a building. NRC licenses remain in full effect, even beyond their stated expiration date, until terminated in writing by NRC.

You may not (i) transfer control of your license without prior written NRC approval or (ii) transfer licensed material, except as authorized by NRC regulations. You should ensure that your attorney and any trustee involved in the bankruptcy proceeding are aware of these obligations. A person must obtain an NRC license prior to taking control of licensed activities or possession of the licensed material, including any contaminated equipment or property transferred by the licensee.

Please notify us immediately if you are unable to meet any of these conditions. Also, please notify us when the bankruptcy proceeding is completed.

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. You may contact me at (301) 415-7124 or at [Celimar.Valentin-Rodriguez@nrc.gov](mailto:Celimar.Valentin-Rodriguez@nrc.gov) if you have any questions or need information concerning the status of your license or activities.

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

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Materials Safety Licensing Branch  
Division of Materials Safety, Security, State,  
and Tribal Programs  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
and Safeguards

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