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SUBJECT: MEETING SUMMARY - PUBLIC MEETING BETWEEN THE
U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION AND RARE ELEMENT
RESOURCES (Docket No. 04038367)

On September 19, 2013, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held a Category 1 Public Meeting with Rare Element Resources (RER) at NRC headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss licensing of the Rare Element Resources (RER) Bear Lodge Project in Wyoming. The staff from the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality also participated in the meeting and two members of the public observed the meeting.

During the meeting, RER provided an update on the progress of its project, and the NRC staff discussed key events in the NRC's licensing process. Additional discussion focused on specific licensing issues. There was also discussion of the possibility of holding a pre-application audit at RER's offices in Denver, Colorado, as well as a visit to RER's mining and processing sites in Wyoming. The NRC staff anticipates RER submitting, in October 2013, a request for a pre-application audit. The audit would be held in November 2013. The NRC staff also anticipates RER submitting its license application request in the December 2013/January 2014 timeframe.

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List of Attendees

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Enclosure