

May 2, 2006

Mr. Brian T. Kelly, Field Supervisor
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ENDANGERED SPECIES AND
CRITICAL HABITAT FOR THE WESTERN NUCLEAR, INC., SPLIT ROCK SITE,
JEFFREY CITY, FREMONT COUNTY, WYOMING (TAC L51881)

Dear Mr. Kelly:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering an application from Western Nuclear, Inc., for the approval of alternate concentration limits (ACLs) at its Split Rock site in Jeffrey City, Fremont County, Wyoming. As part of the approval process, NRC staff is performing an environmental review of the project to assess the potential impacts of the proposed ACLs. Toward that end, enclosed is a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) containing endangered species and critical habitat information developed for previous licensing actions. Please review this draft EA and provide NRC staff with your comments within 30 days of receipt of this letter. After assessing the information provided by you, we will determine what additional actions are necessary to comply with the Section 7 consultation process. Please note that the draft EA contains pre-decisional information that should not be disclosed without prior NRC permission.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen J. Cohen, Project Manager, at 301-415-7182 or by e-mail at sjc7@nrc.gov.

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Sincerely,

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