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May 24, 2006

Gary S. Janosko, Chief
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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

re: Draft Environmental Assessment for Amendment to Source Materials License SUA-56 for Ground Water Alternate Concentration Limits, Western Nuclear, Inc., Split Rock Uranium Mill Tailings Site, Jeffrey City, Fremont County, Wyoming (SHPO File # 0506RLC001)

Dear Mr. Janosko:

Thank you for consulting with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the above referenced project.

A search of our records on May 24, 2006 indicates that the entire area has not been previously surveyed for cultural resources. Additionally, this search indicates that several historic properties are known to exist in the vicinity. However, what is not clear from the documentation submitted to our office is whether or not the proposed project will take place entirely within areas disturbed by previous mining activities. If the projects Area of Potential Effect (APE) lies entirely within previous disturbance, no further work will be required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). If, however, the projects APE extends into undisturbed areas additional consultation with our office will be required.

We will comment on this projects affects on historic properties when we have received clarification on the current state of disturbance within the APE from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

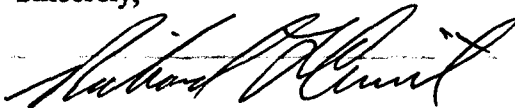


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Please refer to SHPO project #0506RLC001 on any future correspondence regarding this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at 307-777-5497.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard L. Currit".

Richard L. Currit
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