

June 14, 2007

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Department of State Parks & Cultural Resources
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SUBJECT: POWER RESOURCES INC., SMITH RANCH- HIGHLAND URANIUM PROJECT
- ISL SATELLITE SR-2 - SECTION 106 CONSULTATION - STATE HISTORIC
PRESERVATION OFFICE PROJECT CONTROL NUMBER #0499RLC034

Dear Ms. Nissley:

By letter dated May 18, 1999, to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management Casper office, the Wyoming Division of Cultural Resources, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), commented on a Class III Cultural Resource Inventory (the report) for the Smith Ranch Uranium Recovery Project located in Converse County, Wyoming. At that time, the SHPO did not evaluate eight inventoried sites for National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility identified in the report because the inventoried sites were located in a portion of the Smith Ranch site that was not affected by the proposed project.

Power Resources, Inc. (PRI), the current owner and operator of Smith Ranch-Highland Uranium Recovery Project, under the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)-issued Source Material License SUA-1548, has proposed constructing an *in situ* leach uranium recovery satellite facility (SR-2) in a previously evaluated area that is adjacent to the area containing the eight unevaluated sites identified in the May 18th correspondence (see enclosed map). Activities in the area containing the eight unevaluated sites could potentially include well field development (i.e., the installation of subsurface wells, pipelines, and small support structures) and associated road enhancement. As required by 36 CFR Part 800, the NRC is requesting the views of the Wyoming SHPO on the eight inventoried sites for NRHP eligibility.

It should be noted that under License Condition 9.10 of Source Material License SUA-1548, PRI is required to operate under the following restriction:

The licensee shall provide buffer zones and construct its facilities in accordance with the recommendations made in its historical consultant's report submitted May 7, 1991, in order to prevent adverse effects upon historic and prehistoric resources found in the State permit area. Land disturbance plans and well-field facility design shall be coordinated with NRC and the Bureau of Land Management in Mills, Wyoming.

After assessing the information provided by you, we will determine what additional actions may be necessary to comply with the Section 106 process. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-7612 or by email at pxm2@nrc.gov.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings and Issuance of Orders," 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 the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Sincerely,

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