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Steve Furtney, Policy Advisor to
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State Capitol
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

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COOPERATING AGENCY ON THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT FOR URANIUM RECOVERY

Dear Mr. Furtney:

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By this letter, the NRC accepts the State as a Cooperating Agency in the preparation of the GEIS. In doing so, the NRC recognizes the unique role that the State can play in that of the 16 potential license applications for uranium milling that the NRC is expecting in the next several years, 11 of those could be located in Wyoming.

I understand that my staff already has been in contact with Mr. Rick Chancellor of the Land Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality to begin the process of developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the NRC and the State regarding the role that the State will play in the preparation of the GEIS. My staff expects that the MOU will be ready for the Governor's signature prior to the end of December.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter or the GEIS process in general, please contact Mr. James Park of my staff. Mr. Park can be reached at (301) 415-6935 or via electronic mail at jrp@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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