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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ENDANGERED OR
THREATENED SPECIES AND CRITICAL HABITAT FOR URANIUM ONE
AMERICAS' PROPOSED ANTELOPE AND JAB URANIUM PROJECT
(Docket 040-09079)

Dear Mr. Kelly:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received an application from Uranium One Americas (Uranium One) for a new radioactive source materials license to develop and operate the Antelope and JAB Uranium Project (an *in-situ* recovery operation) located in Sweetwater County, WY. The proposed project will consist of two project areas: 1) the Antelope Unit located in Township 26N, Range 93 West, Sections 11-15 and 22-24; Township 26N, Range 92 West, Sections 7-12, 14, 15-22, and 28-30 and 2) the JAB Unit located in Township 26N, Range 94 West, Sections 8-10, 13-15, 17, and 20-24. The Antelope Unit will be the location of the main uranium processing facility with the JAB Unit being a satellite operation. A map showing the proposed project location is enclosed (Uranium One Figure 1.2-1).

As established in Title 10 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 51 (10 CFR 51), the NRC regulation that implements the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the agency is preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the proposed action that will tier off the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for In-Situ Leach Uranium Milling Facilities published by the NRC in May 2009 (NUREG-1910). In accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, the SEIS will include an analysis of potential impacts to endangered or threatened species or critical habitat in the proposed project area. To support the environmental review, the NRC is requesting information from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to facilitate the identification of endangered or threatened species or critical habitat that may be affected by the proposed project. Any information you provide will be used to enhance the scope and quality of our review in accordance with 10 CFR 51 and 50 CFR 402. After assessing the information you provide, the NRC will determine what additional actions are necessary to comply with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

The Uranium One Antelope and JAB Uranium Project license application is publicly available in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, or from the NRC's Agency Wide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). The ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room is accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The accession numbers for the Environmental Report are ML082830078, ML083100913, ML083101003, ML083101004, ML083101008, and ML083101009.

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Please submit any information that you may have regarding this environmental review within 30 days of the receipt of this letter to the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Attention: Ms. Andrea Kock, Mail Stop T8F05, Washington, DC 20555. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Johari Moore of my staff by telephone at 301-415-7694 or by email at johari.moore@nrc.gov. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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