

October 5, 2009

Mr. Mark Newman
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SUBJECT: LOST CREEK ISR, LLC, DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR AN EXEMPTION TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS IN 10 CFR 40.32(E), LOST CREEK IN SITU RECOVERY FACILITY, SWEETWATER COUNTY, WYOMING (TAC J00595)

Dear Mr. Newman:

By letter dated July 2, 2009, Lost Creek ISR, LLC (LCI) submitted an application for an exemption to the commencement of construction requirements in 10 CFR 40.32(e) to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff. Specifically, LCI presented 10 activities that are the subject of this exemption request, including road construction, grading, support building construction, fence construction, and utility installation. The NRC staff has reviewed this request and intends to approve this request with exceptions. The staff will not approve construction of the central processing plant building or the installation of the disposal wells.

To support its decision, the staff has prepared the enclosed draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for your review. The enclosed draft EA is pre-decisional information and is limited to use by the Bureau of Land Management and staff and should not be disclosed without prior NRC permission. Please review the enclosed draft EA and provide your comments to the staff within 30 days of the date of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-7182, or by email at stephen.cohen@nrc.gov.

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