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Dear Ms. Moore:

We are writing to you in response to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) August 14, 2009 Notice of Intent (NOI) published in the Federal Register (74 FR 41174). In this NOI the NRC invited other agencies to participate as a cooperating agency for the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to be prepared for Uranium One's application for a new source material license for the Antelope and JAB Uranium project. This project would affect public domain lands administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management Wyoming (BLM). Uranium One has filed a 43 CFR 3809 plan of operations with our Lander Field Office (LFO). The BLM has jurisdiction over surface management of uranium operations on the BLM lands in Wyoming, pursuant to provisions of the 43 CFR 3809 surface management regulations for locatable minerals. The BLM must approve a plan of operations and set a bond before an applicant can start uranium recovery on the BLM administered surface.

Because of our special expertise in uranium resources located in Wyoming and our jurisdictional responsibilities for managing the Federal surface and mineral estate, we request NRC allow the BLM Wyoming to participate in your NEPA process as a cooperating agency.

The BLM Wyoming's point of contact at the LFO is Kristin Yannone, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, 307-332-8448. Ms. Yannone can be reached by e-mail at Kristin_Yannone@blm.gov and written correspondence can be sent to Lander Field Office, 1335 Main St., Lander, WY 82520. Please contact Ms. Yannone with information regarding the specific roles and responsibilities the BLM will assume as a cooperating agency when NRC is the lead agency and NRC's schedule for completing the NEPA process.

We request a copy of all correspondence also be sent to Peter Sokolosky at the BLM Wyoming State Office. Written correspondence can be sent to Mr. Sokolosky at the address shown on this letterhead, or electronically to Pete_Sokolosky@blm.gov. You may also contact Mr. Sokolosky, by mail or at 307-775-6261 if you have any questions regarding this request for cooperating agency status.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the NRC's NEPA process for the Antelope and Jab Uranium recovery project SEIS as a cooperating agency. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donald A. Simpson".

Donald A. Simpson
State Director

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