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Andrea L. Kock, Chief
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Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

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re: Uranerz Energy Corporation, Nichols Ranch In-Situ Uranium Recovery Project - Section 106
Consultation (SHPO File # 0708RLC009)

Dear Ms. Kock:

Thank you for consulting with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the above referenced project. We have reviewed the project report and find the documentation does not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Archaeology and Historic Preservation (48 FR 44716-42).

Per my email of September 8, 2009 I noted that our office needed original, archival quality survey reports. We received these from your office on September 25, 2009. Thank you for this documentation.

However, there are still several shortcomings which need to be addressed. These are outlined below:

- The project area has been surveyed in several stages, including areas of previous survey and the current survey areas. Consultation with our office needs to include a document which considers the entire undertaking, including previous surveys. This should include determinations of site eligibility, and project effect for the entire undertaking. (e.g. Currently, no discussion of eligibility and effect for the resources in previously surveyed areas in T.43N., R.75W., Sections 7-9, 16-18 and 20, is offered.)
- Provide a clear definition of, and illustrate on project map, the Area of Potential Effect.
- Provide clear determinations of site eligibility and project effect (avoid the phrase "potential to adversely impact").

Please refer to SHPO project #0708RLC009 on any future correspondence regarding this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at 307-777-5497.

Sincerely,



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