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Stephen J. Cohen, Team Leader
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

re: Lost Creek ISR. LLC, Notification of an Exemption From the Commencement of Construction Requirements in 10CFR 40.32(E), Lost Creek In Situ Recovery Facility, Sweetwater County, Wyoming (TAC J00595) (SHPO File # 0608JEK008)

Dear Mr. Cohen:

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 meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Archaeology and Historic Preservation (48 FR 44716-42). We concur with your finding that no historic properties, as defined in 36 CFR § 800.16(1)(1), will be affected by the project as planned.

We recommend the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission allow the project to proceed in accordance with state and federal laws subject to the following stipulation:

If any cultural materials are discovered during construction, work in the area shall halt immediately, the federal agency must be contacted, and the materials evaluated by an archaeologist or historian meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards (48 FR 22716, Sept. 1983).

This letter should be retained in your files as documentation of a SHPO concurrence on your finding of no historic properties affected. Please refer to SHPO project #0608JEK008 on any future correspondence regarding this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at 307-777-5497.

Sincerely,



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