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Subject: Follow-up to our conversation, April 29, 2009

Irene:

Per your request to have a written follow-up to our phone conversation this morning, this e-mail should cover all the points we have discussed.

Wyoming has chosen not to participate as a cooperator on the various EAs being pursued by the NRC for in-situ uranium mining operations. We have reached our conclusion knowing that we can still participate fully in the public comment process, which is always available in these types of NEPA processes.

Wyoming will instead urge our agencies to actively participate in the companion state permitting process conducted by the State's Department of Environmental Quality. We believe this will afford agencies to condition permits appropriately regarding pertinent issue contemplated by the various agencies.

Finally, we appreciate the NRC's effort to enhance communications by your willingness to schedule a half-day meeting here in Cheyenne in June with the State and the BLM. While we will no longer be pursuing cooperator status at this time, we will not be formally assisting in putting this meeting together, but we do not want our non-participation to preclude you from proceeding on this with Wyoming BLM if you consider such a meeting constructive.

Thank you for bearing with us on this and we continue to look forward to working with you.

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