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From: Shannon Anderson [sanderson@powderriverbasin.org]
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2010 11:11 AM
To: Linton, Ron
Cc: Moore, Johari; Garrett, Betty
Subject: RE: Irigaray-Christensen Ranch SUA-1341 (docket 040-08502)

Thanks, Ron. I appreciate the info. All the best, Shannon

From: Linton, Ron [mailto:Ron.Linton@nrc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 8:58 AM
To: Shannon Anderson
Cc: Moore, Johari; Garrett, Betty
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Shannon:
In response to your questions:

Will there be a draft of an EA/EIS released to the public? – No. NRC is preparing an EA and, as opposed to what's done for draft EISs, it is not NRC policy to publish draft EA's. Typically, the state where the action is proposed to take place is given an opportunity to comment on NRC draft EAs (as was done in this case). Additionally, BLM was provided a copy of the draft EA for comment.

Will BLM be a cooperating agency? BLM-will not be a cooperating agency.

Will BLM be conducting its own NEPA analysis? NRC is not aware of a NEPA analysis being conducted by BLM. The NRC's NEPA analysis was prompted by receipt of an application to renew an NRC license. There may not be a federal action in front of BLM (no license, plan of action, etc.). You may want to contact BLM.

Will a draft of the NEPA document(s) be released to the public for comment? Only the final EA prepared by the NRC will be a public document. You may want to contact BLM to find out whether any NEPA document they may prepare for this facility will be published as a draft.

I also want to let you know that Uranium One, Inc., has applied for a change of control (COC) for the Irigaray/Christensen Ranch license SUA-1341 from Uranium One to JSC Atomredmetzoloto. The COC application is in ADAMS and will be announced on our NRC webpage shortly. There will also be a *FR* Notice for Opportunity for Hearing published in the near future.

If you have additional questions, please contact me.

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