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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Mr. Michael T. Lesar, Chief
Rulemaking and Directives Branch (RDB)
Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration
Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Re: **Lost Creek Project Exemption Request**
Docket No. 40-9068 / TAC No. LU0142

Dear Mr. Lesar:

To complete the record on this portion of its July 2, 2009 Exemption Request, Lost Creek ISR, LLC (LCI) respectfully comments as follows on the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) *Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment and Opportunity to Provide Comments for Exemption Request for Lost Creek ISR, LLC, Sweetwater County* (issued on November 9, 2009). NRC Staff issued the aforementioned draft environmental assessment, determining that LCI is permitted to engage in the requested pre-license construction activities with the exception of construction of LCI's proposed central processing plant building, and the drilling and casing of up to four deep disposal wells.

With regard to the declination by the NRC Staff to authorize pre-license construction of the plant building and the deep disposal wells, LCI reiterates by incorporation here, and for the record, the points made in its Exemption Request of July 2, 2009 as well as the White Paper presented by counsel in behalf of LCI and others in the in situ recovery industry. LCI will not restate or reargue these points, as it acknowledges that NRC Staff is aware of and understands the arguments previously presented.

Additionally, LCI encourages NRC to utilize its authority in its efforts to harmonize the provisions of its regulations (including the intent of such regulations as manifested in their respective administrative rulemaking records), through further rulemaking as well as consistent application in future proceedings. By example relevant here, NRC Staff cites to the definition of "construction" in 10 CFR § 51.4 as determinative whether a proposed site activity can be authorized under a Part 40.14 specific exemption. NRC Staff also states that it will "grant an exemption that will allow an applicant to conduct certain site preparation activities that are currently allowed under 10 CFR § 51.4,

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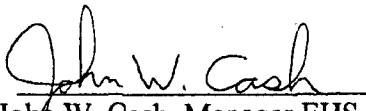
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notwithstanding the 10 CFR Part 40.32(e) provisions discussed above.” While citing this definition, NRC Staff states that an inconsistency in the regulations exists between Part 40.32(e) and Part 51.4 with respect to what constitutes “preconstruction” and “construction.” In the face of this inconsistency, however, NRC Staff proceeded to apply the provisions of Part 51.4 to LCI’s specific exemption application.

LCI again wishes to express its appreciation to NRC Staff for the prompt and efficient handling of this Exemption Request.

Regards,

Lost Creek ISR, LLC
By its Manager, Ur-Energy USA Inc.

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