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Dominick A. Orlando, Senior Project Manager
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Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

re: Umetco Minerals Corporation, Proposed Erosion Protection Enhancement Project at the Gas Hills Facility in Fremont and Natrona Counties, Wyoming (SHPO File # 0198KLLK018)

Dear Mr. Orlando:

Thank you for consulting with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the above referenced undertaking. Following 36 CFR Part 800, we find that the proposed undertaking is in an area of previous disturbance and has a low probability of containing historic properties, as defined in 36 CFR § 800.16(l)(1). As long as this project remains in the previous disturbance, no further identification efforts are warranted.

There is a possibility that buried prehistoric or historic materials may be discovered during the undertaking and we recommend the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) incorporate the following stipulation in the project permit:

If any cultural materials are discovered during construction, work in the area should halt immediately, the NRC, the Casper Field Office of the USDI Bureau of Land Management, and SHPO staff be contacted, and the materials be 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 with your finding of no historic properties affected. Please refer to SHPO project #0198KLLK018 on any future correspondence regarding this undertaking. If you have any questions, please contact me at 307-777-5497.

Sincerely,



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