

October 20, 2011

Mr. James Laysbad, THPO
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SUBJECT: TRANSCRIPT OF INFORMAL INFORMATION-GATHERING MEETING,
PERTAINING TO THE DEWEY-BURDOCK, CROW BUTTE NORTH TREND,
AND CROW BUTTE LICENSE RENEWAL *IN-SITU* URANIUM RECOVERY
PROJECTS, HELD AT PRAIRIE WIND CASINO AND HOTEL ON JUNE 8, 2011;
INFORMATION PERTAINING TO TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES;
AND ATTACHED UNREDACTED PORTIONS OF ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEYS

Dear Mr. Laysbad:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) extends its thanks to all the Tribal representatives who participated in the Information-Gathering Meeting and associated site visits. We would especially like to thank the Oglala Sioux Tribe for allowing the NRC to hold the meeting on the Pine Ridge Reservation and for hosting meetings. We would also like to thank Mr. Michael Catches Enemy, Oglala Sioux Natural Resources Officer, for serving as the Co-facilitator for the meeting. These efforts culminated in a productive meeting where all parties were able to share their respective viewpoints, comments, and concerns about the uranium recovery process and the facets of the NRC's technical and environmental review process for the *in-situ* recovery facilities.

Enclosed is a paper of the Official Transcript of the Information-Gathering Meeting. If you would like an electronic copy, please contact Ms. Haimanot Yilma or Mr. Nathan Goodman. Please note corrections were not made to the transcript to maintain its originality. If you believe your statements were misrepresented in the transcript, please advise the NRC staff and your comments will be added to the record.

Additionally, at the June 8, 2011 meeting, several Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) requested unredacted versions of the archeological surveys submitted as part of the license application. In response to those requests and to facilitate government-to-government consultation, the NRC is enclosing a paper copy of the unredacted portions of the archeological surveys for the Dewey-Burdock, Crow Butte North Trend, and Crow Butte License Renewal projects for your review. A map of all archeological sites on the proposed Dewey-Burdock project area is also included.

As a reminder, this information is sensitive, and the NRC requests the proper storage of these documents, consistent with applicable laws and regulations pertaining to sensitive information.

At the June 8, 2011 meeting, a number of the tribal representatives requested more information on traditional cultural properties (TCPs) be collected. Based on those requests and in accordance

with the requirement of 36 CFR 800.4 (a) the NRC staff has asked the applicants to provide information on how the proposed projects may affect TCPs. In order to address the NRC's request, the applicants may contact your office directly to seek your assistance on developing information on TCPs, in the near future. Once the NRC receives additional information regarding TCPs from the applicants, the NRC plans to distribute the information to all interested THPOs and State Historic Preservation Officers for review and comments.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact my staff members, Ms. Yilma (via email at Haimanot.Yilma@nrc.gov or via phone at 301-415-8029) or Mr. Goodman (via email at Nathan.Goodman@nrc.gov or via phone at 301-415-2703).

Sincerely,

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Docket No. 40-8943, 40-9075

Enclosures:

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2. Unredacted Portions of the Archeological Survey for Dewey-Burdock Project
3. Unredacted Portions of the Archeological Survey for Crow Butte North Trend Project
4. Unredacted Portions of the Archeological Survey for License Renewal Project
5. Archeological Sites on the Proposed Dewey-Burdock Project Area

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