

StrataRossLAPEm Resource

From: Bjornsen, Alan
Sent: Thursday, December 09, 2010 9:54 AM
To: Ben Schiffer
Subject: RE: Ross ISR Project Request for Class I/III Cultural Baseline Survey

Thanks, Ben. Yes, I agree that communication is important. BTW, what are the status' of other permits and approvals? Have you made applications for those – GW (Class I & III), Surf Wtr, Air, Waste (11e.(2), liq, solid)?

Thank you.
Alan

From: Ben Schiffer [mailto:bschiffer@wwcengineering.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 09, 2010 9:47 AM
To: Bjornsen, Alan
Cc: Cohen, Stephen
Subject: Re: Ross ISR Project Request for Class I/III Cultural Baseline Survey

Alan--

Hope all is well with you. Responses below. Let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter. I really hope that we can develop some open lines of communication and believe this is a good place to start.

Respectfully,

Ben

On 12/9/2010 4:51 AM, Bjornsen, Alan wrote:
Ben,

Thanks for the update. A couple of questions:

What does GCM stand for? **GCM Services of Bozeman, MT conducted the Class III Cultural Resources Survey for the Ross ISR Project.**

Are they your archaeological/cultural consultant? Location?

Is Dr. Tratebas the cultural resources POC for the BLM Newcastle FO? **Yes, Dr. Tratebas is the cultural resources specialist with BLM-NFO.**

Thank you,

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From: Ben Schiffer [<mailto:bschiffer@wwcengineering.com>]
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To: Bjornsen, Alan; Cohen, Stephen
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Alan and Stephen--

The email below was returned due to the attached BLM/NRC MOU. I just wanted to make sure you received it. Hope all is well in Rockville and will see you soon.

Ben

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Ross ISR Project Request for Class I/III Cultural Baseline Survey

Date: Wed, 08 Dec 2010 16:48:23 -0700

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Dr. Tratebas--

It was a pleasure to talk with you today. I realize you are very busy and value the time you made available for our conversation. As we discussed, I've attached the MOU between the NRC and BLM. In addition, I've provided the file path to the information bulletin (No. 2010-051) from the USDI--BLM. The attached MOU provides very specific information regarding implementation of the MOU, specifically, what agency receives information first. As I mentioned today, I was caught a little off-guard by your request for the recently completed report. Based on the MOU language, there could be interpretation that the cultural report is a "related document" and would therefore initiate the NEPA process prior to our application submittal to the NRC. Given that the Ross ISR Project includes only 40 acres of BLM managed surface and the estimated maximum disturbance on those lands could be up to 2 acres, we believe the NRC should be the lead agency and understand that the BLM is amenable to being a cooperating agency on preparation of the site-specific SEIS. In order to facilitate this relationship I have copied Alan Bjornsen (NRC--Env. Project Manager) and Stephen Cohen (Team Leader--Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch) on this email. As far as I know, this project may be the first one to work through the NEPA process with the MOU in place, so we're 'plowing new ground' so to speak. With that in mind, if a determination is made that the Class I/III Cultural Report for the Ross ISR Project is not a "related document" and would therefore not initiate a NEPA action, I would be happy to have GCM provide the report to the BLM prior to its' submittal to the NRC later this month and WDEQ-LQD in early January. Again, it was a pleasure to talk with you and I appreciate your candor regarding this sensitive issue. Please feel free to contact me anytime in the future if you would like to discuss this project, the unique nature of the regulatory environment we're working through or more importantly, Strata Energy's commitment to cultural preservation and mitigation. In addition, best wishes to you and your family during the holidays.

Respectfully,

Ben Schiffer

http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/info/regulations/Instruction_Memos_and_Bulletins/national_information/2010/IB_2010-051.html

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