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ATOMIC SAFETY & LICENSING BOARD TO HOLD ORAL ARGUMENTS DEC. 20 ON PROPOSED URANIUM RECOVERY SITE IN WYOMING

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) will hold oral arguments Dec. 20 at agency headquarters in Rockville, Md., on petitioners' standing to intervene and the admissibility of contentions challenging the proposed Ross in situ leach uranium recovery project in Crook County, Wyo.

Strata Energy, Inc., filed its application to construct and operate the Ross facility on Jan. 6. The NRC completed its initial adequacy review and docketed the application on June 28. The Natural Resources Defense Council and the Powder River Basin Resource Council jointly petitioned for a hearing, raising several environmental contentions about the application.

The ASLB's pre-hearing conference will begin at 9 a.m. EST Dec. 20, in the ASLB Hearing Room, T-3B45 in the Two White Flint North Building at NRC headquarters, 11555 Rockville Pike in Rockville. (Visitors must enter through the One White Flint North Building.) During the session, the ASLB and the participants will discuss whether the petitioners have standing to raise their concerns, and whether their contentions meet the criteria for admissibility in a hearing.

The session will be viewable via a [webcast](#).

In addition to the oral arguments by the petitioners, Strata and the NRC staff, the ASLB is accepting written "limited appearance" statements from members of the public who are not petitioners but may have concerns relating to the issues in the proceeding. These written statements may be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555-0001, or by e-mail to hearingdocket@nrc.gov. Copies should also be sent to Administrative Judge G. Paul Bollwerk III, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, Mail Stop T-3F23, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555-0001, or paul.bollwerk@nrc.gov.

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