



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

April 5, 2012

Dear Tribal Historic Preservation Officers:

In a letter dated March 6, 2012, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff informed you of our plans to forward comprehensive Statements of Work (SOWs) for the Crow Butte License Renewal, Crow Butte North Trend, and Dewey-Burdock projects to you by March 28, 2012. We planned to send the comprehensive SOWs after taking into account input from both the Applicants and the Tribes. Also in our March 6 letter, NRC staff stated its intent to forward the Applicants' SOWs to you, requested your comments on the Applicants' SOWs, and proposed a teleconference to discuss the comprehensive SOWs.

On March 7, 2012, NRC staff received an email from Sisseton-Wahpeton's Tribal Historic Preservation Officer stating that an SOW was being developed by the Tribes for NRC review.

On March 9, 2012, the NRC forwarded a copy of the Applicants' SOWs to you, and we reiterated our request to receive your SOW by March 16, 2012. The NRC also requested your comments on the Applicants' SOWs by March 28, 2012. To date, we have not received any input. For this reason, the NRC was unable to develop a comprehensive SOW for each of the three proposed projects.

In order to efficiently move the Section 106 process forward, the NRC suggests the following:

- Conduct a teleconference with all consulting parties (including the Applicants and SRIF) on **April 24, 2012 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. EST**. This teleconference will be a working meeting between the THPOs and NRC Staff. During this call, consulting parties would:
 - Use the Applicants' SOWs as a starting point and identify elements essential for developing a comprehensive SOW for each of the three proposed projects.
 - The goal is to have the consulting parties develop three comprehensive SOWs.
 - Schedule dates to conduct the TCP studies.

Alternatively, if the Tribes submit draft SOWs before April 19, 2012, NRC staff can use both SOWs to initiate our discussion. The staff will highlight areas where the SOWs are different so that the consulting parties can use those differences as a starting point to work toward a consensus in those areas.

The Applicants' contractor (SRIF) may contact you in the near future to discuss their SOWs that the NRC forwarded to you on March 9, 2012. The intent of their call would be to solicit your feedback on their SOW.

Please let us know if you are available to participate on the April 24, 2012 teleconference by **April 13, 2012**. If you have any questions, you can contact Ms. Haimanot Yilma by phone at 301-425-8029 or via email at Haimanot.Yilma@nrc.gov or Mr. Nathan Goodman by phone at 301-415-2703 or via email at Nathan.Goodman@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Hsueh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping tail on the "h".

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