

November 15, 2012

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE DEWEY-BURDOCK *IN-SITU* RECOVERY PROJECT IN FALL RIVER AND CUSTER COUNTIES, SOUTH DAKOTA, SUPPLEMENT TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR *IN-SITU* LEACH URANIUM MILLING FACILITIES

Dear Ms. White Face:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed NUREG-1910, Supplement 4, "Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Dewey-Burdock ISR project in Fall River and Custer Counties, South Dakota, Supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for *In-Situ* Leach Uranium Milling Facilities."

The draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) includes analysis of relevant environmental issues and documents the NRC staff's preliminary determinations regarding the environmental impacts from the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the proposed *in-situ* uranium recovery site.

The NRC staff is enclosing the draft SEIS for your review and comment. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.8(c), we are requesting your comments on the draft SEIS and on our preliminary conclusions regarding historic and cultural resources.

Please provide any information, comments, or concerns you may have on the draft SEIS during the comment period, which ends on January 7, 2013 (or 45 days after the date of publication of the *Federal Register* notice). Comments should be submitted in writing either by mail to Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 (include Docket ID: in the subject line) or on <http://www.regulations.gov> (after November 23, 2012) and search for documents filed under Docket ID NRC-2012-0277. The NRC staff will address your comments in the final SEIS.

The accession number in ADAMS for the draft SEIS and *Federal Register* notice are ML12312A039 and ML12312A040, respectively. The draft SEIS also may be accessed on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1910/sx/>.

In addition, copies of the draft SEIS will be available at the Rapid City Public Library, 610 Quincy Street, Rapid City, SD 57701-3630. Additional documents related to this application may be accessed on the Dewey-Burdock ISR project licensing website: <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/uranium-recovery/license-apps/ross.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Haimanot Yilma, Project Manager, by phone at 301-415-8029, or by e-mail at [Haimanot.Yilma@nrc.gov](mailto:Haimanot.Yilma@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Docket No.: 40-9075

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