

November 21, 2012

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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF ENLARGED FIGURE 72 AND REPLACEMENT PAGES
FOR THE SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASELINE CULTURAL AND
PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCE SURVEY FOR THE ROSS *IN-SITU*
URANIUM RECOVERY PROJECT

Dear Mr. Thomas:

By letter dated September 20, 2012 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession No. ML12264A517), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) transmitted for your review and comment the following documents related to the Ross *In-Situ* Uranium Recovery Project: (1) Supplement to the Baseline Cultural and Paleontological Resource Survey [Environmental Report (ER) Addendum 3.8-A]; (2) Indirect Area of Potential Effects Map; and (3) Draft Ethnographic Context Report.

By letter dated October 16, 2012 (ADAMS package: ML12311A344), Strata Energy, Inc. (Strata) submitted the following documents to the NRC related to the Supplement to the Baseline Cultural and Paleontological Resource Survey: (1) an enlarged Figure 72, which was requested by the NRC staff (ADAMS Accession No. ML12272A248); and (2) replacement pages, which correct test site name and location errors identified by Strata during development of the enlarged Figure 72.

Enclosed with this letter are Strata's October 16, 2012 letter and its enclosures. The NRC requests that you review and provide comments on the enclosed documents and also provide NRC with any comments you have on the documents enclosed with our letter dated September 20, 2012. We would appreciate receiving your comments by December 21, 2012. The NRC is particularly interested in receiving tribal input on the Draft Ethnographic Context Report.

Please note that the enlarged Figure 72 and the replacement pages for Supplement to ER Addendum 3.8-A enclosed with this letter are non-public; they contain sensitive material that should not be shared. These documents are being withheld from public disclosure under 10 CFR 2.390.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter and its enclosures, please contact Ms. Johari Moore of my staff (via e-mail at Johari.Moore@nrc.gov or by phone at 301-415-7694). You may also contact the NRC's consultants, Dr. Cheryl Chapman (via e-mail at Cheryl.Chapman@respec.com or by phone at 605-394-6510) or Ms. Mary Kenner (via e-mail at Mary.Kenner@respec.com or by phone at 605-394-6528).

Sincerely,

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Docket No. 40-9091

Enclosures:

1. Letter from Strata to NRC
2. Enlarged Figure 72 from Supplement to ER Addendum 3.8-A
3. Replacement pages for Supplement to ER Addendum 3.8-A

cc w/o enclosures:

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