

March 22, 2013

Mr. John Passehl
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE ROSS IN-SITU RECOVERY PROJECT IN CROOK COUNTY, WYOMING, SUPPLEMENT TO THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR IN-SITU LEACH URANIUM MILLING FACILITIES

Dear Mr. Passehl:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is reviewing a source materials license application submitted by Strata Energy, Inc. (Strata), for the construction, operation, aquifer restoration, and decommissioning of the proposed Ross In-Situ Recovery (ISR) Project (Ross Project). The facility is proposed to be located in Crook County, Wyoming.

As part of the review of the application, the NRC staff has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) (NUREG-1910, Supplement 5). The Draft SEIS includes an 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. Please provide any information, comments, or concerns you may have on the Draft SEIS during the comment period, which ends on 5/13/2013 (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 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 NRC-2011-0148 in the subject line) or under Docket ID NRC-2011-0148 at <http://www.regulations.gov> after 3/29/2013. The NRC staff will address your comments in the Final SEIS.

The NRC Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>) accession number for the Draft SEIS is ML13078A036. The Draft SEIS also may be accessed on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1910/>.

In addition, copies of the Draft SEIS will be available at the Hulett Branch and the Moorcroft Branch of the Crook County Public Library. Additional documents related to this application may be accessed on the Ross Project licensing website: <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/uranium-recovery/license-apps/ross.html>.

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Johari Moore, Project Manager, by phone at 301-415-7694, or by e-mail at Johari.Moore@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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