

November 27, 2013

Mr. Michael Griffin, Vice President
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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 2013, REGARDING
THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT ON U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS OF TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTY
ELIGIBILITY

Dear Mr. Griffin:

Thank you for your suggestions provided in the subject letter. My responses to your two main points in the letter are as follows:

First, at this time, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has not separated (decoupled) the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106, process from the National Environmental Policy Act process.

Second, with the permission of the Northern Arapaho Tribe and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, the NRC provided Strata (at Strata's request) with: (1) the Northern Arapaho tribal field survey report by regular mail on September 11, 2013; and (2) the Cheyenne and Arapaho report via e-mail to Mr. Ben Schiffer dated August 6, 2013. In accordance with 36 CFR § 800.4©(1), when evaluating the historic significance of properties of religious and cultural significance to Indian tribes, the NRC must consult with those Indian tribes concerned and the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). However, if Strata have information that it wishes to offer regarding the tribal field survey reports, the NRC staff will consider the information that you provide within 10 days of your receipt of this letter. This relatively short deadline is imposed because Strata have been in possession of these reports for several weeks. We expect to make our eligibility determinations soon after that 10-day period and will request concurrence on the determinations from the Wyoming SHPO.

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If you have any further questions or comments, or need any additional information, please contact Ms. Johari Moore of my staff by telephone at 301-415-7694, or email at Johari.Moore@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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