

March 12, 2014

Mr. Rick Thomas
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FINAL SEIS) 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. Thomas:

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

The NRC has completed the "Environmental Impact Statement for the Ross ISR Project in Crook County, Wyoming, Supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for In-Situ Leach Uranium Milling Facilities, Final Report" (NUREG-1910, Supplement 5). This Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Final SEIS) includes an analysis of relevant environmental issues and documents the NRC staff's determinations regarding the environmental impacts from the construction, operation, aquifer restoration and decommissioning of the proposed in-situ recovery project.

In preparing the Final SEIS, the NRC staff reviewed, considered, evaluated, and addressed the comments received on the Draft SEIS. Appendix B of the Final SEIS presents the comments received on the Draft SEIS and the NRC responses to those comments.

Enclosed is a CD copy of the Final SEIS for your information. A hard copy of the Final SEIS is available upon request.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.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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