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NRC Issues License to Strata for Ross Uranium Recovery Facility in Wyoming

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued an operating license to Strata Energy Inc. for the Ross uranium recovery facility in Crook County, Wyoming.

Strata submitted the application for the in situ recovery facility in January 2011. The license is the fifth issued by the NRC for a uranium recovery facility since 1998.

The NRC's review of the application included an environmental review published in February as a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which referenced the agency's Generic EIS for in situ recovery facilities.

The NRC's review also included a Safety Evaluation Report, which concluded the proposed facility can operate safely, including management of radiological and chemical hazards, groundwater protection, and eventual cleanup and decommissioning. An NRC Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will hold a hearing to examine environmental contentions related to the project later this year.

The Ross EIS, [NUREG-1910 Supplement 5](#), is available on the NRC website. The [Safety Evaluation Report](#), the [license](#) and [more information on the Ross application](#) are also available.