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Atomic Safety and Licensing Board to Take Public Comment Sept. 28, Hold Hearing Sept. 30 on Ross Uranium Recovery Facility

A Nuclear Regulatory Commission Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will hold a hearing Sept. 30 in Gillette, Wyo., concerning challenges by two environmental groups to Strata Energy's Ross uranium recovery facility in Crook County, Wyo. The board is the independent body within the NRC that conducts adjudicatory hearings and renders decisions on legal challenges to licensing actions. The NRC issued Strata a license for the facility in April 2014.

Evidence to be presented in the hearing will address three contentions filed by the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Powder River Basin Resource Council on the environmental impact statement prepared by NRC staff.

The hearing begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Wyoming Meeting Room, Energy Hall, Cam-Plex Multi-Event Facilities, 1635 Reata Drive, in Gillette, and will continue until all evidence has been heard. Members of the public and media are welcome to observe the evidentiary hearing, but participation will be limited to the parties and their lawyers and witnesses. Those planning to attend the evidentiary hearing should arrive at least 15 minutes early to allow time for security screening, including searches of hand-carried items such as briefcases or backpacks. No signs will be permitted in the courtroom.

The board will also take comments from interested members of the public, known as limited appearance statements, on Sept. 28 from 3-6 p.m. at the Sundance Community Meeting Room, Crook County Court House Basement, 309 Cleveland St., in Sundance. These statements are not testimony or evidence, but they nonetheless may aid the board and/or the parties in considering the issues in the hearing. Speakers will be allotted no more than five minutes each for their statements, but the board may limit that time to ensure everyone has an opportunity to speak. The board may end the session early if all wishing to speak have made their presentations, or cancel it due to a lack of interest.

Those interested in speaking may request time prior to or during the limited appearance session. Requests submitted beforehand will be given priority. In making a determination about whether there is sufficient interest to conduct this session, the board will assess the number of written requests to make an oral statement submitted by 5 p.m. EDT (3 p.m. MDT) on Friday, Sept. 5. Requests may be sent by mail to: Administrative Judge G. Paul Bollwerk III, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, Mail Stop T-3F23, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001; by fax to 301-415-5599; or by email to kathleen.schroeder@nrc.gov and paul.bollwerk@nrc.gov.

Those who cannot attend the session in Sundance can submit written statements by mail to Office of the Secretary, Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001; by fax to 301-415-1101; or by e-mail to hearingdocket@nrc.gov.

A copy of the written statement should also be sent to Judge Bollwerk at his mailing or email address or fax number noted above.

Documents related to the Ross application are available on the [NRC website](#). Documents regarding this ASLB proceeding are available on the NRC's [Electronic Hearing Docket](#) by clicking on the folder entitled "Strata_Energy_40-9091-MLA" on the left side of the page. More information about the role of the ASLB in the licensing process is available on the [NRC website](#).