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Mr. Ralph Knode
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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT 1 TO LICENSE SUA-1601, STRATA ENERGY, INC, ROSS IN-SITU RECOVERY PROJECT, CROOK COUNTY, WYOMING

Dear Mr. Knode:

On January 23, 2015, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) issued the initial decision in the proceeding involving the Ross In-Situ Recovery Project in Crook County, Wyoming (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML15023A566). The initial decision was a ruling on the Joint Intervenors' Environmental Contentions 1-3. In that ruling, the ASLB ordered that License Condition 10.12 in License SUA-1601 was revised as follows:

- 10.12 Prior to conducting tests for a wellfield data package, the licensee will attempt to locate and abandon all historic drill holes within:
- A) The perimeter well ring for the Wellfield; and
 - B) To the extent the historic drill holes extend into the first underlying aquifer, the area that is downgradient of the Wellfield and is between the perimeter well ring for the Wellfield and the closer of either
 - i. The Ross Project license area boundaries shown in figure 1.4-2 of the approved license application; or
 - ii. The outer boundary of the exempted aquifer as defined by the Class III UIC permit issued by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality.

The licensee will document such efforts to identify and properly abandon all drill holes in the wellfield data package.

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) § 2.340(e)(2)(i), Source and Byproduct Materials License SUA-1601 is amended to reflect the order in that initial decision.

In addition to the revision ordered by the ASLB, staff has incorporated two other administrative changes to the license. The changes consist of: (1) modifying the office name to reflect the recent merger of the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs with the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards; and (2) adding the expiration date that was inadvertently omitted from the initial license.

Pursuant to 10 CFR § 51.102, the initial decision of the ASLB would have constituted the record of decision with regard to the National Environmental Policy Act review except that a petition for review of the initial decision is pending before the Commission. Therefore, in accordance with 10 CFR § 51.102(c), no additional notifications or distributions will be made until the record of decision is final. For the two administrative changes, the actions fulfill the categorical exclusions under 10 CFR §§ 51.22(c)(10)(ii) and (v) and no further environmental review is required.

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If you have any questions, please contact John Saxton of my staff at 301-415-0697 or by e-mail at John.Saxton@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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