

November 18, 2015

Ms. Rene Ohms, Chief of Resource
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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION AND INVITATION FOR FORMAL SECTION 106
CONSULTATION PURSUANT TO THE NATIONAL HISTORIC
PRESERVATION ACT REGARDING STRATA ENERGY INC.'S PROPOSED
KENDRICK EXPANSION AREA OF THE ROSS IN SITU URANIUM
RECOVERY SITE LOCATED IN CROOK COUNTY, WYOMING
(DOCKET NO.: 40-9091)

Dear Ms. Ohms:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received a license amendment application from Strata Energy Inc. (Strata), dated March 20, 2015, for License SUA-1601 requesting authorization to expand its Ross in situ leach uranium recovery (ISR) project to include the Kendrick Expansion Area. The license amendment, if granted, would allow Strata to construct and operate additional ISR wellfields at the Kendrick expansion area, which covers 7,873 acres adjacent to the Ross site. The enclosed map shows the proposed Kendrick project area in Crook County, Wyoming and the approximate location of Devils Tower, about 11 miles to the east.

Upon completion of the NRC's acceptance review of the license amendment application, and if the license application is accepted, then a detailed technical review would take place, consisting of both an environmental and safety review. The environmental review will be conducted in accordance with the regulatory provisions in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 51 (10 CFR Part 51), which implement the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). The NRC's environmental review will assess the potential environmental impacts of major Federal actions that may significantly affect the human environment.

In accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.8 (Coordination with the National Environmental Policy Act), the NRC staff is using the NEPA process to comply with its obligations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA). The environmental review will also include analyses of potential impacts to historic and cultural resources.

Through this letter, the NRC staff invites you to participate as a consulting party under Section 106 of NHPA and assist in the identification and evaluation of historic properties that may be affected by this proposed action and development of proposals to address adverse effects that may be identified during the evaluation process.

Information on the Kendrick expansion area amendment application is available on the project's webpage at <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/uranium-recovery/license-apps/kendrick.html>. Documents are also publicly available from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which can be accessed online at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact the Environmental Project Manager, Mrs. Jessie Muir Quintero, by telephone at (301) 415-7476, or via email at Jessie.Muir-Quintero@NRC.gov.

Sincerely,

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Craig G. Erlanger, Acting Director
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Enclosure:
Map of Approximate Location
of Devils Tower Expansion Area

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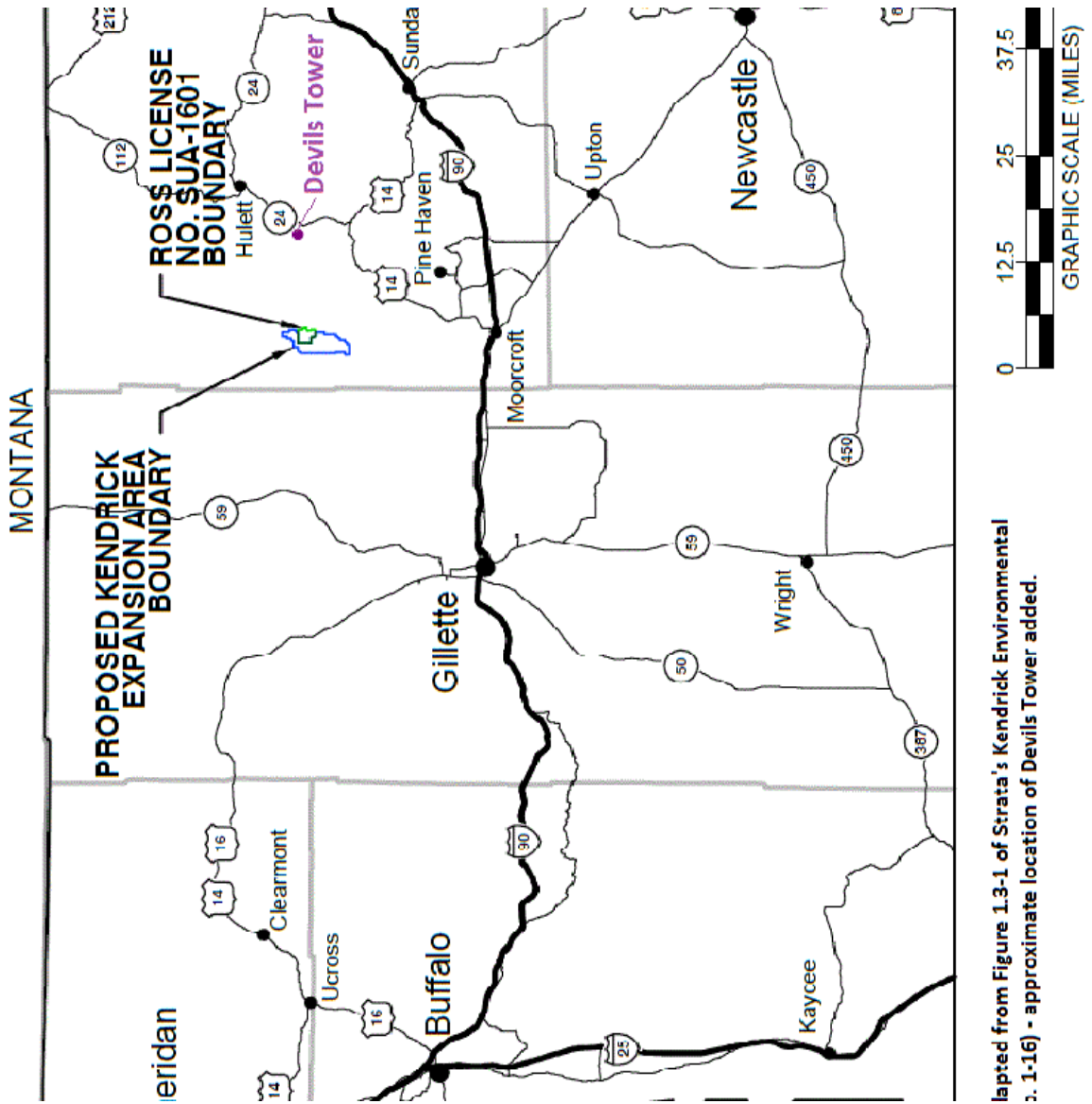
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Adapted from Figure 1.3-1 of Strata's Kendrick Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (Appendix 1.1-16) - approximate location of Devils Tower added.