

December 17, 2015

Mr. John Yellow Bird Steele, President  
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SUBJECT: COORDINATION OF A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT MEETING  
REGARDING THE DEWEY-BURDOCK IN SITU URANIUM RECOVERY  
PROJECT (DOCKET NUMBER: 40-9075)

Dear President Steele:

Thank you for your letter dated September 24, 2015.

As a follow-up to that letter and previous e-mail exchanges that can be found in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under ML15273A145 and ML15302A292, the NRC staff would like to schedule a government-to-government meeting regarding the Dewey-Burdock In Situ Uranium Recovery (ISR) Project.

The NRC recognizes the need to meet with the Oglala Sioux Tribe on a government-to-government basis. The purpose of the meeting would be to introduce the NRC management team responsible for this project and to work toward resolving the issues identified in the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Partial Initial Decision of April 30, 2015.

The NRC staff would like to propose a meeting to discuss these matters with the Oglala Sioux Tribe during the week of February 1, February 8, or February 29, 2016. The meeting would be held in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The exact location and other meeting arrangements will be finalized once a date is selected. The NRC appreciates the opportunity to further consult with the Oglala Sioux Tribe on matters related to the Dewey-Burdock ISR Project. We understand the difficulty of coordinating a date that is suitable for all parties. Therefore, if these dates are not convenient, please provide an alternate meeting date.

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 the NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

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If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (301) 415-0607 or Ms. Kellee Jamerson of my staff. Ms. Jamerson can be reached at: (301) 415-7408 or via email at: [Kellee.Jamerson@nrc.gov](mailto:Kellee.Jamerson@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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