

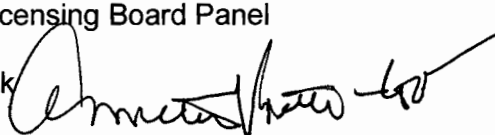


UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY

February 1, 2016

MEMORANDUM TO: E. Roy Hawken
Chief Administrative Judge
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook 

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR HEARING IN THE MATTER OF RARE
ELEMENT RESOURCES, INC., BEAR LODGE PROJECT
LICENSE APPLICATION (DOCKET NO. 40-38367-ML)

The Office of the Secretary has received a request for hearing and a request for exemption from electronic filing from Charmaine White Face on behalf of the Defenders of the Black Hills. The request for hearing was submitted in response to the *Federal Register* notice (80 FR 70846; November 16, 2015), that provided an opportunity to request a hearing and petition to intervene regarding the Rare Element Resources, Inc., Bear Lodge Project license application. The request for hearing was received via email on January 15, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML1628A112) and the request for exemption from electronic filing was received by U.S. postal service on January 12, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16028A113).

The Office of the Secretary has also received a request for suspension of the adjudicatory proceeding from Rare Elements Resources, Inc., Bear Lodge Project, which was filed on January 21, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16021A468) through the agency's electronic information exchange.

The request for hearing and its associated filings referenced above are being referred to you for appropriate action in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 2.346(g) and (i). This referral memorandum is being served on the E-Filing service list for the Rare Elements Resources, Inc., Bear Lodge Project, Docket No. 40-38367-ML.

cc: Commission Legal Assistants
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In the Matter of)
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RARE ELEMENT RESOURCES, INC.) Docket No. 40-38367-ML
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(Bear Lodge Project))
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing **REFERRAL MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD** in the above-captioned proceeding have been served upon the following persons by Electronic Information Exchange.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland
this 1st day of February, 2016