May 26, 2016

Ms. Trina Lonehill
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Ogalala Sioux Tribe
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Pine Ridge, SD 57770

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT SECTION 106 CONSULTATION ON IDENTIFIED CULTURAL RESOURCES AT THE KENDRICK EXPANSION SITE

Dear Ms. Trina Lonehill:

By letter dated December 31, 2015, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) submitted a Class III Archeological Survey Report (Class III Report) along with the Wyoming Site Forms for Strata Energy, LLC's (Strata) Kendrick expansion of its Ross site to your Tribe for comment. The NRC did not receive any comments from your Tribe on the Class III Report for the Kendrick expansion project.

The NRC staff also submitted the Class III Report to the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (WY SHPO) for their concurrence with the findings and recommendations. The WY SHPO responded that three of the "unevaluated" sites in the Class III Report – 48CK2261, 48CK2262, and 48CK2270 – should "remain unevaluated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) pending consultation with the appropriate Native American Tribes." After further review of the Wyoming Site Forms, the NRC has identified a total of seven Kendrick sites on which the Consulting Tribes might wish to comment, including:

- 48CK2260 - Bison bone scatter with lithic materials
- 48CK2261 - Stone ring with lithic materials
- 48CK2262 - Alignment of cairns
- 48CK2270 - Alignment of cairns
- 48CK2272 - Single cairn
- 48CK2273 - Bison processing camp
- 48CK2303 - Lithic scatter and source with metal projectile point

For your convenience, the NRC staff is resending excerpts from the Class III Report that provide a description for each of the sites listed above (Enclosure 1). Please note the information provided in the enclosure is sensitive. Additional information for each of these sites can be found in the respective Wyoming Site Forms that were previously forwarded to your office as part of our December 31, 2015, letter. At this time, the NRC staff is seeking your review and input on the information provided in Enclosure 1 as it relates to the NRHP eligibility determination of these sites under Criterion A. The NRC staff requests your input on the seven sites within 30 days of receiving this letter, in order to facilitate such a determination.

There would be an opportunity for a Kendrick site visit, including a field inspection of the designated sites. The week of July 25, 2016 has been set aside for a potential Tribal site visit. If your Tribe is interested in conducting a site visit during the week of July 25, 2016, please indicate your availability in your response. If the Tribal Historic Preservation Office representatives from any of the Kendrick Consulting Tribes express interest in the opportunity for a July site visit to review these cultural sites, the NRC staff will immediately proceed with planning the logistics for the site visit.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the environmental Project Manager, Mrs. Jessie Muir Quintero, via email at: Jessie.Muir-Quintero@NRC.gov, by telephone at: 301-415-7476, or by fax: 301-415-0020.

Sincerely,

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