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Ms. Mary Hopkins
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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF THE ROSS IN SITU URANIUM RECOVERY PROJECT
MINIMIZATION AND MITIGATION PLAN FOR ADVERSE EFFECTS ON
48CK2219 UNDER THE PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT FOR THE ROSS IN
SITU URANIUM RECOVERY PROJECT IN CROOK COUNTY, WYOMING

Dear Ms. Hopkins:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requests your review and concurrence on the "Ross ISR Minimization and Mitigation Plan" for the adverse effects of the Ross In Situ Uranium Recovery (ISR) Project in Crook County, Wyoming on Traditional Cultural Property 48CK2219. The NRC is requesting your concurrence as part of the consultation process pursuant to Stipulation D.2., "Development of Plan(s) for the Minimization and Mitigation of Adverse Effects," of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the Strata's Ross ISR Project.

The Minimization and Mitigation Plan (MMP) is required under Stipulation D of the Ross ISR Project PA. The MMP includes minimization and mitigation strategies for adverse effects to cultural property 48CK2219, the only cultural property determined to be adversely effected. The MMP is the result of several consultation meetings with the PA Parties (Signatories, Invited Signatories and Consulting Tribes) where mitigation strategies were discussed. The NRC worked closely with Strata to develop the written report and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) was provided the opportunity to review it. BLM provided comments on the draft in accordance with PA Stipulation D.2.d. A draft version of the MMP was provided to all PA Parties for an opportunity to review and comment. Two webinars were held to discuss the draft MMP in detail and to receive comments from the PA Parties. No written comments were received but those shared during the webinars were considered and incorporated where appropriate in this final version. In accordance with PA Stipulation D.2.g, upon SHPO's final concurrence on or lack of objection to, the MMP will be appended to the PA.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Section 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

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Sincerely,

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Environmental Review Branch
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety, Safeguards,
and Environmental Review
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Docket No. 40-9091
License No. SUA-1601

Enclosure:
Ross ISR Project Minimization
and Mitigation Plan

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