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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Ms. Andrea Kock
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Uranium Recovery, & Waste Programs
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Dear Ms. Kock:

I am writing to you on behalf of Western Uranium Corporation (WUC) regarding its June 2, 2017, letter to you requesting an advisory opinion on the possibility of obtaining a specific Atomic Energy Act (AEA) research and development (R&D) license under the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) 10 CFR Part 40 regulations and related guidance to conduct testing operations on the process known as ablation. This letter indicates that these testing operations would be conducted primarily to demonstrate the viability of the ablation process for purposes of recovering uranium and/or other metals and to gather relevant and essential data to show that non-uranium bearing sands from the process are environmentally benign. I understand that NRC Staff is in the process of reviewing this letter and WUC eagerly awaits its response.

The main purpose of this letter is to provide NRC Staff with an answer to a recent State of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regarding the scope of the requested advisory opinion and whether it was requested that the opinion extend to Agreement States. I am writing to inform you that WUC's requested scope of its letter was strictly limited to States that have not taken Agreement State status over "source material" and are under direct regulation of NRC. In the event that it determines that a potential R&D operation requiring a specific source material license would be warranted, WUC will contact the identified Agreement State directly. I hope this letter assists you in your response to CDPHE's letter. Thank you for

your time and cooperation in this matter, and I look forward to hearing from you regarding WUC's June 2, 2017, letter.

Respectfully Submitted,



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