NHPA Section 106 webinar -- Cameco Resources application to renew NRC license SUA-1548

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General location map for Smith Ranch Project.pdf;

Dear Mr. Longie:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is in the process of reviewing an application from Cameco Resources to renew its NRC license for the Smith Ranch Project for an additional ten years. This license authorizes Cameco to conduct uranium in-situ recovery (ISR) operations at its project sites at the following locations: (1) the Smith Ranch, Highland, and Reynolds Ranch properties in Converse County, Wyoming; (2) the Gas Hills property in Fremont and Natrona Counties, Wyoming; (3) the North Butte property in Campbell County, Wyoming; and (4) the Ruth property in Johnson County, Wyoming. A map is attached that shows the relative locations for these sites.

The NRC is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed license renewal action. In accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.8 (Coordination with the National Environmental Policy Act), the NRC staff is using the NEPA process to comply with its obligations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The EA will include analyses of potential impacts to historic and cultural resources, and to inform that analysis, the NRC staff is collecting information to facilitate the identification of historic properties, including those that may be of religious and cultural significance to Tribes.

To update interested Tribes on the Section 106 activities conducted to date, the NRC staff will be hosting a webinar. The purpose of the webinar is to provide background information to interested Tribes on historic surveys performed at project sites and the resources identified by those surveys. The webinar also will provide the direct and indirect Areas of Potential Effect (APEs) concurred on by the State of Wyoming Historic Preservation Office.

The NRC staff is seeking convenient dates and times in February 2018 for the Tribes on which to hold the webinar. Depending on the dates and times provided, the NRC may hold the webinar on more than one day and time. Therefore, to aid in scheduling the webinar, please respond to this email with the dates and times in February that are convenient for you and other interested members of the Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe.

If you have any questions about the webinar or about the NRC's review of Cameco's application, I can be reached at 301-415-6954 or by e-mail at James.Park@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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