

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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May 16, 2018

Mr. Steven Vance Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe P.O. Box 590 Eagle Butte, SD 57625

SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S PROPOSED DATES FOR

SCHEDULING OF WEBINAR AND TELECONFERENCE REGARDING THE

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE APPROACH TO IDENTIFY HISTORIC.

CULTURAL, AND RELIGIOUS SITES AT THE DEWEY-BURDOCK IN SITU URANIUM RECOVERY PROJECT IN FALL RIVER AND CUSTER COUNTIES,

SOUTH DAKOTA (DOCKET NUMBER: 40-9075)

Dear Mr. Vance:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is following up with the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe regarding NRC staff's invitation dated April 12, 2018 (Enclosure 1), to participate in the implementation of the NRC staff's selected approach to identify sites of historic, cultural, and religious significance to the Lakota Sioux Tribes and gather information to supplement the final supplemental environmental impact statement (FSEIS) for the Dewey-Burdock *in situ* uranium recovery (ISR) project in Fall River and Custer Counties, South Dakota.

As discussed in its letter, the NRC staff has brought on board a contractor to facilitate the implementation of the approach. In keeping with the anticipated timeline for the NRC staff's approach, the NRC staff would like to schedule a webinar and teleconference call with the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the other invited Tribes during the week of May 28, 2018. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and establish the areas to be examined and the survey methodology to be implemented during the field survey scheduled for June and September 2018. For your consideration, the NRC staff is proposing the following date(s) and time(s) to host the webinar and teleconference:

- Wednesday, May 30, 2018 | 11:00 AM 2:00 PM EDT
- Thursday, May 31, 2018 | 12:00 PM 3:00 PM EDT, or 3:00 PM 6:00 PM
- Friday, June 01, 2018 | 12:00 PM 3:00 PM EDT, or 3:00 PM 6:00 PM

The NRC staff would like to adhere to the anticipated timeline associated with the final approach as much as possible. Accordingly, the NRC staff would greatly appreciate a response regarding which of the proposed dates and times works for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe by May 22, 2018. However, if these dates and times do not align with your schedule, the NRC staff request that you please let us know. In addition, the NRC staff welcomes any input or information that the Tribe would like to provide in advance of the anticipated webinar and teleconference call to establish the survey methodology.

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If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ms. Kellee Jamerson of my staff. Ms. Jamerson can be reached by telephone at (301) 415-7408 or via e-mail to Kellee.Jamerson@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

Letter to Vance, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, (ADAMS Accession Number ML18102B227)

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