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Mr. Ralph Knode
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE OF THE AMENDED PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT FOR THE STRATA ROSS IN SITU URANIUM RECOVERY PROJECT IN CROOK COUNTY WYOMING (DOCKET NUMBER: 40-9091)

Dear Mr. Knode:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is requesting your signature on the enclosed Strata Ross Programmatic Agreement (PA) Amendment (Appendix C). Appendix C includes modifications to the PA that were discussed during our June 17, 2016, webinar. Appendix C includes: (1) a simplified accounting of Strata's withdrawal of the Plan of Operations; (2) an accounting of the PA Stipulations that have been completed to date; (3) an updated table of historic properties that were identified; (4) new language to capture the anticipated changes if Wyoming becomes an NRC Agreement State; and (5) clarifications on how the PA can be closed out due to successful implementation of its stipulations. NRC will also append the final Minimization and Mitigation Plan (MMP) to the PA as outlined in Stipulation D.2.g. The MMP was sent via letter dated September 22, 2017 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession Number ML17264A626), to all PA parties for their review and comment. The final MMP received concurrence from the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office via letter dated December 1, 2017 (ADAMS Accession Number ML18155A427).

The PA amendment is being sent for signature concurrently to the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office, Strata Energy Inc., and the Bureau of Land Management. The NRC will send the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) a copy of the PA amendment that includes all the signed pages. The ACHP will be the last party to sign the PA amendment. With their signature, the PA will go into effect.

Please sign the enclosed PA amendment and return a copy of the signature page to the NRC within 14 days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed information or this request, please contact Ms. Jean Trefethen at (301) 415-0867 or via e-mail to: Jean.Trefethen@nrc.gov. Thank you for your continued support and input to the PA implementation process.

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 component of NRC's ADAMS.

ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Sincerely,

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Craig G. Erlanger, Director,
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety, Safeguards,
and Environmental Review
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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Enclosure:
Appendix C: First Amendment to the Ross PA

cc: w/o Enclosure
Mike Griffin,
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