



Loadout, LLC

MEMORANDUM

**TO: CRAIG GORDAN
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC)**

FROM: GARY S. BEGLEY

DATE: JUNE 10, 2019

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO JUNE 5, 2019 INQUIRY ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE IDLE PERIOD AT THE COAL RIVER ENERGY PREPARATION PLANT

We own the property and facilities associated with the Coal River mining complex that you recently inspected. Coal River Energy, LLC, (CRE) leased the property and associated facilities and actively operated the complex until early 2016. The complex was idled from that point due to a downturn in the thermal coal market. At the point of becoming idle, it was always the intent that the complex could be reactivated with a return of the thermal coal market and a decommission of the nuclear devices was never considered. Also, the lease contract with CRE remained in force during the idle period and CRE maintained possession and control of the facilities and property and took whatever actions necessary to prevent any trespass thereon or therein.

In May of 2018, the lease contract for the property and facilities was assigned to Lexington Coal Company which is currently operating the property and who now has responsibility for maintaining security and the prevent of trespass.

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