

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

MOV 0 1 73/3

WMUR: RSK 40-8745

Regional Director Fish and Wildlife Service U. S. Department of Interior P. O. Box 25486 Denver Federal Center Denver, Colorado 20225

Dear Sir:

Ogle Petroleum, Inc., (OPI) has applied to the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a source material license to extract, in-situ, uranium from an ore body that covers approximately 40 acres in Fremont County, Wyoming. The proposed site is located about 50 miles south of Riverton, Wyoming. Maps showing the regional and specific location of the OPI project are enclosed.

OPI proposes to use in-situ solution mining methods in a commercial scale operation to remove the uranium. Aside from the 40 acre well field that will be located above the ore body, 19 other acres will be disturbed by the excavation and construction of evaporation ponds, mud pits and a solid waste disposal pit.

This letter constitutes a formal request for consultation with, and the assistance of the Department of Interior in furtherance of the purposes of the 1978 amendments to the Endangered Species Act: Pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Act, please forward information as to whether any plants and animals that are listed or proposed to be listed as endangered or threatened species may be present in the vicinity of the proposed mine area. In the event that listed and/or candidate species are involved, please advise of any suggestions or recommendations that would facilitate further interagency cooperation as required in the Act.

If you have any further questions regarding this request, you may contact the project manager assigned to this license, Ronald Kaufmann at (301) 427-4103.

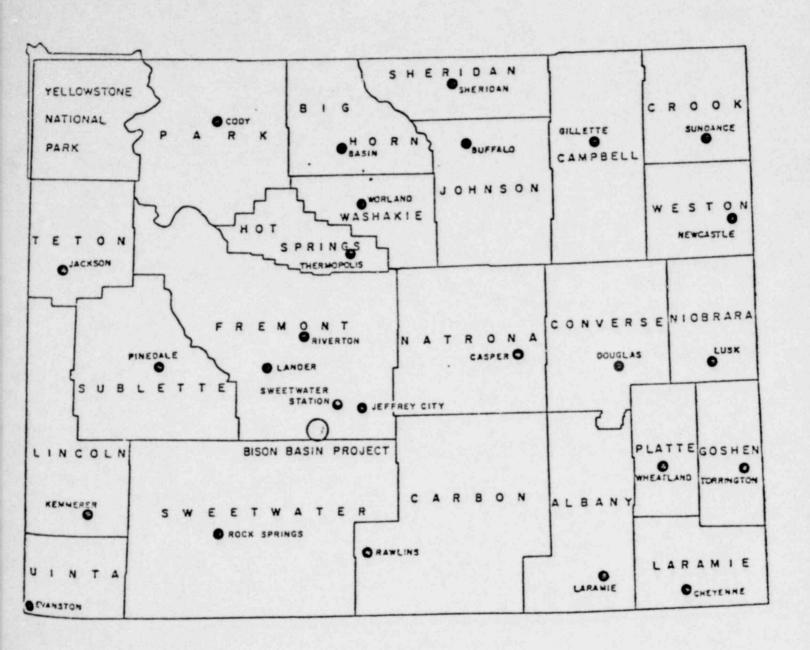
Sincerely.

bert J. Miller, Section Leader Scanium Recovery Licensing Branch

Division of Waste Management

Enclosure: Regional and Local Location Maps

1594 185



LOCATION OF BISON BASIN PROJECT
(WYOMING REGIONAL)

Scale: 1" = 47 Miles



1594 186

