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Hello David – it was nice meeting you by phone this afternoon. As discussed on our call, the NRC has received the attached Long-term Care Fee (LTCF) estimate from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for the Western Nuclear Inc. (WNI) site, which can be made publicly available. The NRC requested that the DOE provide the NRC with a version that could be shared with the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ), the WNI, and the public so that NRC could keep all interested parties informed about the NRC’s determination of the LTCF for the WNI site. We are providing you with a copy of the DOE’s LTCF estimate in advance of making it publicly available in accordance with NRC procedures, on October 4, 2021.

The DOE has stated that the NRC has the authority to determine the LTCF and that the LTCF established by the NRC may not fully cover the DOE’s long-term surveillance and maintenance costs for managing the site in perpetuity. We are currently reviewing the DOE’s LTCF estimate and have not made any decisions about the LTCF at this time. We will continue to engage with the WDEQ during our monthly site status calls, or as necessary to acquire additional input before the NRC establishes the LTCF.

We are sending the DOE’s LTCF estimate to Larry Corte, WNI, following this and will copy you on the email. If you have any questions, please contact Bill von Till, chief of the Uranium Recovery and Materials Decommissioning Branch at [Bill.VonTill@nrc.gov](mailto:Bill.VonTill@nrc.gov).

Attached:

1. Incoming email from the DOE transmitting their Split Rock Annual Cost Estimate Summary (disregard the “Bear Creek” in the title; it just came in response to an email thread that had that subject)
2. The DOE’s Split Rock Annual Cost Estimate Summary

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