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Please find attached comments from the City of Gillette, Wyoming related to 86 FR 36307 Systematic Assessment for How the NRC Addresses Environmental Justice in Its Programs, Policies, and Activities.

Best regards,

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Submitted via email to: NRC-EJReview@nrc.gov

RE: Comments related to 86 FR 36307 Systematic Assessment for How the NRC Addresses Environmental Justice in Its Programs, Policies, and Activities

Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission Staff:

On July 9, 2021, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published a request in the Federal Register for comments on its "Systematic Assessment for How the NRC Addresses Environmental Justice in Its Programs, Policies, and Activities." I am writing on behalf of the City of Gillette, which is one of the Wyoming communities that is actively interested in hosting the TerraPower Sodium reactor as part of the Department of Energy's Advanced Reactor Demonstration Program (ARDP). Our community sees the value that this project, and other projects like it, can offer. As the NRC considers how it will address environmental justice, we hope that it will recognize that there are communities who support the development of this type of project.

As described by TerraPower in a recent presentation to the NRC, the City of Gillette represents one of the four Wyoming communities with coal fired power plants that could be retired in the next twenty years. The Wyodak plant is located just five miles east of our municipality. It is a one-unit, air-cooled plant with generating capacity of 362 MW (coal fired).

Should the retirements happen as currently envisioned, the loss of these generating facilities will mean a loss to our Wyoming communities in the form of quality jobs and tax revenue, and we need to find a way to replace those jobs and revenue. We recognize that nuclear power plants are one attractive option. The technical overlap between coal and nuclear plant jobs is a benefit to companies seeking to operate the nuclear power plants as well as the communities where they will be sited.

While only one community will be selected to host the initial Sodium reactor, we hope that a successful demonstration will make advanced nuclear energy an accessible energy option in Wyoming and throughout the rest of the country.

Sincerely,

Mayor Louise Carter-King