

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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February 23, 2023

Brent Berg President and CEO Rare Element Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 271049 Littleton, CO 80127

SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION STAFF REQUEST FOR

ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FOR THE RARE ELEMENT RESOURCES APPLICATION FOR A SOURCE MATERIAL LICENSE (DOCKET

NUMBER: 04038415)

Dear Brent Berg:

By letters dated May 4, June 22, August 26, and September 13, and 30, 2022, Rare Element Resources Inc. (RER) submitted a source material license application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for RER's proposed Demonstration Plant in Upton, Wyoming. On November 3, 2022, the NRC staff determined that the RER license application was acceptable for detailed technical review.

Pursuant to its regulations in title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) part 51, the NRC staff is conducting an environmental review to evaluate the potential environmental impacts from the construction, operation, and decommissioning of RER's proposed Demonstration Plant. The NRC staff has identified the need for additional environmental information as described in the enclosed Request for Additional Information (RAI). The NRC staff requests that a response to the RAI be provided within 30 days of your receipt of this letter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390, "Public inspections, exemptions, requests for withholding," 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 the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 301-415-6954, or via email at James.Park@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

Signed by Park, James on 02/23/23

James R. Park, Project Manager Environmental Review Materials Branch Division of Regulatory, Environmental, and Financial Support Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

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Enclosure:

Request for Additional Information

cc: Jaye Pickarts (RER)

Jessica Joyce (H-3) Mike Schierman (H-3) Rare Element Resources Request for Additional Environmental Information DATE February 23, 2023

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