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Michael Layton Nuclear Regulatory Commission OWFN 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852

RE: Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Uranium In Situ Leach Operations

Dear Mr. Layton:

This letter confirms our earlier telephone conversation concerning Wyoming's desire to pursue a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The purpose of the MOU is to minimize duplication of effort concerning the regulation of ground water in situ leach operations. With the MOU, the NRC would compare the state's technical review with the NRC Standard Review Plan and rely upon the state's analysis for NRC licensing actions.

We support this concept and look forward working with you in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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