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Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
Land Quality Division
Attn: Mr. Kyle Wendtland, Administrator
200 W. 17 St., Suite 10
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Mr. Wendtland,

Following are the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) comments regarding the proposed Strata Energy Inc. PT0802 Notice of Permit Revision Application.

Our comments are specific to our mission: dedication to the promotion and enhancement of Wyoming's agriculture, natural resources, and quality of life. As the proposed permit revision could affect our industry, citizens, and natural resources it is important that you continue to inform us of proposed actions and decisions and continue to provide the opportunity to communicate pertinent issues and concerns.

WDA appreciated the opportunity to review and comment on the Strata Energy Permit Revision Application. After talking with Crook County Natural Resource District and the citizens in Crook County, we are concerned the comment period does not provide adequate time for the review of test results related to the Ross ISR Project localized testing. It is our understanding the community neighboring the Ross ISR Project area, and the Crook County Natural Resource District would like the opportunity to review the trial results of Strata Energy's use of low pH lixiviant in addition to alkaline lixiviant before the permit revision is approved.

Some of the questions and concerns we have heard that needs to be addressed are as follows:

- What are the effects to the background aquifer conditions with the injection of low pH lixiviants?
- What actions and timelines are expected for the restoration of aquifer conditions upon completion of the mining operation?
- We believe extending the comment period would allow local governments and citizens of Crook County time to accomplish a more complete review of the information associated with this application leading to better understanding and informed comments or questions for this permit revision.
- We request the comment period be extended until the results of the Ross ISR Project results are completed and presented to the interested parties.
- We also request at the completion of the project, the project area will be reclaimed so the existing uses (grazing, croplands, etc.) will be re-initiated to existing levels.

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We recognize the potential benefit of using low pH lixiviants to increase recovery rates of uranium. We also believe it is important that the citizens living in and near the area of potential impact have adequate time and information to develop their comments. If you have questions, please contact Justin Caudill, Program Coordinator at 307-350-5480.

Sincerely,



Doug Miyamoto
Director

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