

vice president for research, office of sponsored programs, a department, a laboratory, others)? What additional administrative support would you like to receive from your institution?

#### **Institutional Review Boards (IRB)/ Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees (IACUC)**

4. If you are conducting human or vertebrate animal research requiring IRB or IACUC approval, what requirements (e.g. preparing protocols for initial review, annual reviews and re-writes, completing revisions requested by reviewers, and satisfying training and other Federal requirements) create the most administrative work? Is the work completed primarily by you or others? Are there particular practices used by your university's IRB/IACUC process that contribute to or subtract from the administrative work you must perform to meet Federal and Institutional requirements? What recommendations would you offer that might help to reduce the level of work?

#### **Proposals**

5. Investigators responding to the FDP 2012 Faculty Workload Survey indicated that 15 percent of their research time associated with a Federal award is devoted to proposal preparation. Are there administrative tasks associated with proposal preparation that increase your personal administrative workload? Please provide specific examples. What recommendations would you offer Federal agencies for reducing the level of administrative work necessary to submit a grant proposal while maintaining the details needed to evaluate the merit and feasibility of the proposed research?

#### **Agency Specific Requirements and Multiple Agencies**

6. From which agencies do you receive Federal funding? In your opinion, have you observed outcomes related to data or information that you have provided at the request of Federal agencies? If you receive funding from multiple agencies do you believe that there are overlapping or redundant interagency requests or requirements that increase your administrative workload? How might these requirements be streamlined across Federal agencies?

7. If you receive funding from NSF, are there NSF-specific requirements that you believe create significant administrative work for you? What steps would you suggest NSF take to reduce the level of work necessary to comply with the requirement(s)?

#### **Reform Efforts**

8. The Office of Management of Budget (OMB) has recently proposed reforms to administrative requirements for Federal awards, including:

(a) Guidance that clarifies the circumstances under which institutions may charge administrative support as a direct cost under certain conditions, including where the support is integral to a project or activity, can be specifically allocated to it, is explicitly included in the budget, and is not also recovered as indirect costs.

(b) Reforms to effort reporting, including using employee payroll reports from institutional automated payroll systems to comply with effort reporting requirements.

What if any effect do you believe these proposed reforms would have on your administrative workload? Would you utilize direct charging if the guidance is finalized? To what extent would you utilize it (i.e., what % of funds)?

#### **Professional/Institutional Information**

The following information will allow us to assess the influence of institution size/administrative capacity, academic rank, and field of study on the level and type of administrative work reported but is not required.

9. What is your academic rank? What is your field of study? Please indicate which of the following best describes your institution:

- Public research institution with medical school
- Public research institution without medical school
- Private research institution
- Public master's institution
- Private master's institution
- Primarily undergraduate institution
- Minority-serving institution
- Non-profit/for profit institution

#### **How to Submit a Response**

All responses should be submitted by email to: *Administrative-Reform@nsf.gov*.

Responses to this RFI will be accepted through May 24, 2013. You will not receive individualized feedback on any suggestions. Individual or aggregate responses may be referenced in a final report; however the Board will not attribute any comments by name. Email addresses will be anonymized and responses kept confidential consistent with our obligations to comply with a judicial or administrative subpoena, or a FOIA request pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552. Please note that any personal information contained within the body of the email/response (i.e. signature lines) will be retained if not deleted by

the sender. No basis for claims against the U.S. Government shall arise as a result of a response to this request for information or from the Government's use of such information. Any questions or inquiries should be sent to: *Administrative-Reform-Inquiries@nsf.gov*.

**Ann Bushmiller,**

*Senior Legal Counsel, National Science Board.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[NRC-2011-0148]**

### **Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Ross In-Situ Uranium Recovery Project in Crook County, Wyoming**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Draft supplemental environmental impact statement; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** By letter dated January 4, 2011, Strata Energy, Inc., (Strata) submitted an application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a new source materials license for the proposed Ross *In-Situ* Uranium Recovery (ISR) Project (Ross Project) proposed to be located in Crook County, Wyoming. The NRC is issuing for public comment a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Draft SEIS) for the Ross Project. The Draft SEIS is Supplement 5 to NUREG-1910, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for *In-Situ* Leach Uranium Milling Facilities."

**DATES:** Submit comments by May 13, 2013. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may access information and comment submissions related to this document, which the NRC possesses and is publically available, by searching on <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID NRC-2011-0148. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2011-0148. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-492-3668; email: *Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov*.
- *Mail comments to:* Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and

Directives Branch, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

- *Fax comments to:* RADB at 301-492-3446.

For additional direction on accessing information and submitting comments, see "Accessing Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Johari Moore, Project Manager, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC, 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-7694; email: [Johari.Moore@nrc.gov](mailto:Johari.Moore@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Accessing Information and Submitting Comments**

*A. Accessing Information*

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2011-0148 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access information related to this document, which the NRC possesses and is publicly available by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2011-0148.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may access publicly available documents associated with the Ross Project through the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The Draft SEIS (NUREG-1910, Supplement 5) is available in ADAMS under Accession Number ML13078A036. NUREG-1910 is available in ADAMS under Accession Numbers ML091480244 (Volume 1) and ML091480188 (Volume 2).

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

*B. Submitting Comments*

Please include Docket ID NRC-2011-0148 in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure

that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment submissions into ADAMS.

**II. Further Information**

Under the NRC's environmental protection regulations in part 51 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), which implement the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or supplement to an EIS (SEIS) is required for issuance of a license to possess and use source material for uranium milling (see 10 CFR 51.20(b)(8)).

In May 2009, the NRC staff issued NUREG-1910, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for *In-Situ* Leach Uranium Milling Facilities" (herein referred to as the GEIS). In the GEIS, the NRC assessed the potential environmental impacts from construction, operation, aquifer restoration, and decommissioning of an in situ leach uranium milling facility (also known as an ISR facility) located in four specific geographic regions of the western United States. The proposed Ross Project is located within the Nebraska-South Dakota-Wyoming Uranium Milling Region identified in the GEIS. The Draft SEIS supplements the GEIS and incorporates by reference relevant portions from the GEIS, and uses site-specific information from Strata's license application and independent sources to fulfill the requirements in 10 CFR 51.20(b)(8).

The Draft SEIS for the proposed Ross Project may also be accessed on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/> by

selecting "NUREG-1910" and then "Supplement 5," or on the NRC's Ross Project Web page at <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/uranium-recovery/license-apps/ross.html>. Additionally, a copy of the Draft SEIS will be available at the following public libraries:

Crook County Library, Hulett Branch, 401 Sager Street, Hulett, WY 82720.  
Crook County Library, Moorcroft Branch, 105 E Converse, Moorcroft, WY 82721.

The Draft SEIS was prepared in response to an application submitted by Strata by letter dated January 4, 2011. The applicant proposes the construction, operation, aquifer restoration, and decommissioning of an ISR facility.

The Draft SEIS was prepared by the NRC and its contractor, Attenuation Environmental Company, in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The NRC has prepared this Draft SEIS in compliance with NEPA and the NRC's regulations for implementing NEPA (10 CFR part 51).

The proposed Ross Project will be located approximately 34.6 kilometers (km) (21.5 miles [mi]) north of the town of Moorcroft, Wyoming and would encompass approximately 697 hectares (ha) (1,721 acres [ac]).

The Draft SEIS is being issued as part of the NRC's process to decide whether to issue a license to Strata pursuant to 10 CFR Part 40. In the Draft SEIS, the NRC staff has assessed the potential environmental impacts from the construction, operation, aquifer restoration, and decommissioning of the proposed Ross Project. The NRC staff assessed the impacts of the proposed action and its alternatives on land use; historical and cultural resources; visual and scenic resources; climatology, meteorology and air quality; geology, minerals and soils; water resources; ecological resources; socioeconomic; environmental justice; noise; traffic and transportation; public and occupational health and safety; and waste management. Additionally, the Draft SEIS analyzes and compares the benefits and costs of the proposed action.

The NRC staff evaluated site-specific data and information on the Ross Project to determine if Strata's proposed activities and the site characteristics were consistent with those evaluated in the GEIS. NRC then determined which relevant sections of, and impact conclusions in, the GEIS could be incorporated by reference. The NRC staff also determined if additional data or analysis was needed to assess the potential environmental impacts for a

specific environmental resource area. The NRC documented its assessments and conclusions in the Draft SEIS.

In addition to the action proposed by Strata, the NRC staff addressed the no-action alternative, as well as alternative location for proposed facility. All the alternatives were analyzed in detail. The no-action alternative serves as a baseline for comparing the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action.

After weighing the impacts of the proposed action and comparing the alternatives, the NRC staff, in accordance with 10 CFR 51.71(f), sets forth its preliminary recommendation regarding the proposed action. Unless safety issues mandate otherwise, the NRC staff preliminarily recommends that the proposed action be approved (*i.e.*, the NRC should issue a source material license for the proposed Ross Project).

The Draft SEIS is being issued for public comment. The public comment period on the Draft SEIS begins with publication of this notice and continues until May 13, 2013. Written comments should be submitted as described in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. The NRC will consider comments received or postmarked after that date to the extent practical.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of March 2013.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Aby Mohseni,**

*Deputy Director, Environmental Protection and Performance Assessment Directorate, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs.*

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Dated: March 26, 2013.

**Rochelle C. Bavol,**

*Policy Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.*

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**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The agenda for the Commission's April 10, 2013 meeting includes the items identified below.

**PORTIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

1. Report on legislative activities.
2. Report on communications with the public.
3. Report from the Office of General Counsel on the status of Commission dockets.
4. Report from the Office of Accountability and Compliance.
5. Report from the Office of the Secretary and Administration.
6. Presentation by Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services Brenda S. Sprague, Bureau of Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State, on the Postal Service's participation in the State Department's passport issuance program. Chairman's Public Comment Period (Opportunity for brief comments or questions from the public.)

**PORTION CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:**

7. Discussion of pending litigation.
- CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, Postal Regulatory Commission, 901 New York Avenue NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20268-0001, at 202-789-6820 (for agenda-related inquiries) and Shoshana M. Grove, Secretary of the Commission, at 202-789-6800 or [shoshana.grove@prc.gov](mailto:shoshana.grove@prc.gov) (for inquiries related to meeting location, access for handicapped or disabled persons, the audiocast, or similar matters).

By direction of the Commission.

**Shoshana M. Grove,**

*Secretary.*

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**POSTAL SERVICE**

**Board of Governors; Sunshine Act Meeting**

**DATES AND TIMES:** April 9, 2013, at 9:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

*Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.*

1. Strategic Issues.
2. Financial Matters.
3. Pricing.
4. Personnel Matters and Compensation Issues.
5. Governors' Executive Session—Discussion of prior agenda items and Board Governance.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Julie S. Moore, Secretary of the Board,

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[NRC-2013-0001]

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETINGS:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATE:** Week of April 1, 2013

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland

**STATUS:** Public and Closed

**Week of April 1, 2013—Tentative**

*Tuesday April 2, 2013*

9:25 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative)

Motion to Quash Subpoena Filed by

**POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meetings**

**TIME AND DATE:** Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at 11 a.m.

**PLACE:** Commission Hearing Room, 901 New York Avenue NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20268-0001.

**STATUS:** Part of this meeting will be open to the public. The rest of the meeting will be closed to the public. The open session will be audiocast. The audiocast may be accessed via the Commission's Web site at <http://www.prc.gov>. A period for public comment will be offered following consideration of the last numbered item in the open session.