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NRC ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF LICENSE APPLICATION FOR ROSS URANIUM RECOVERY PROJECT IN WYOMING

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has made available on its website an application by Strata Energy, Inc., for a license to construct and operate the Ross In Situ Uranium Recovery Project in Crook County, Wyo. The agency will soon announce the opportunity to request an adjudicatory hearing on the license.

Strata submitted the Ross application Jan. 4. The NRC staff has determined that the application contains sufficient information for the agency to formally "docket," or file, the application and begin its technical and environmental reviews. Docketing the application does not preclude requesting additional information as the reviews proceed; nor does it indicate whether the Commission will grant the application.

The deadline for requesting a hearing is 60 days following publication of a notice in the *Federal Register*, expected shortly. By that date, petitions must be filed by anyone whose interest may be affected by the license application and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding. The notice includes detailed instructions for requesting a hearing through the <u>NRC's</u> <u>E-filing system's electronic submittal page</u>. For specific guidance and instructions visit the public involvement in hearings Web page.

Strata's Ross application is available through the NRC's <u>ADAMS online database</u> by using Accession Number ML110120063. Documents relating to the application can be found by searching for Docket Number 04009091. Information about the <u>NRC's licensing and regulation</u> of uranium recovery facilities, including a page with information about the Ross application, is available on the agency's website.

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