

February 21, 2023

Mr. Christopher T. Hanson, Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop O-16G4
Washington, DC 20555-0001

RE: Letter of Intent to Amend Wyoming's Agreement with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Dear Chairman Hanson,

Wyoming continues to see an increased interest in rare earth mineral development and opportunities to diversify its economy through mineral extraction technologies that may produce source material. With the successful implementation of Wyoming's NRC Agreement State Program for licensing uranium mining and milling and the associated by-product material, Wyoming is looking to expand its Agreement with NRC to include the mining and milling producers of source material.

Wyoming passed enabling legislation during the sixty-seventh 2023 legislative session allowing us to amend our existing Agreement State Program with the NRC. Pursuant to §274(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, Wyoming intends to pursue amending its agreement with the NRC to include regulation of source material recovered from any mineral resources processed primarily for purposes other than obtaining the source material content.

I authorize Todd Parfitt, Director of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, to coordinate the process with your staff. Director Parfitt can be contacted by telephone at (307) 777-7555, or by email at todd.parfitt@wyo.gov.

Sincerely,

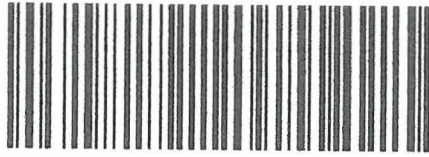
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cc: The Honorable John Barrasso, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Cynthia Lummis, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Harriet Hageman, U.S. House of Representatives
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