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Public Notice

The Strata Energy of Gillette, Wyoming has applied for an in situ mining permit from the Land Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Quality for the State of Wyoming. The mining permit area will be located in: all or parts of Sections 7, 17, 18 and 19 of Township 53 North, Range 67 West and, all or parts of Sections 12, 13, and 24 of Township 53 North, Range 68 West within the Oshoto U.S.G.S. 7.5' Topographic Quadrangle Map of Crook County, Wyoming. The Ross ISR Project is approximately 23 miles north of Moorcroft, Wyoming and within the upper reaches of the Little Missouri River drainage. The proposed operation is scheduled to begin in November 2012 and is estimated to continue until 2021. The land, after mining, will be returned to grazing, agriculture (crop production), and industrial uses. The groundwater to be affected will automatically be classified Class V (uranium commercial), as required by Water Quality Division Regulations, Chapter VIII, upon issuance of this permit. This classification includes all ore zones presently known and identified inside the areas delineated as federal aquifer exemptions areas within the permit boundary extending 100 feet beyond the proposed perimeter monitor well ring. The groundwater, after mining will be restored to a quality of use equal to or better than and consistent with pre-mining uses. Information regarding the proposed mining operation and reclamation/restoration procedures may be reviewed in the office of the Land Quality Division of the Department of Environmental Quality in Cheyenne and Sheridan, Wyoming, the office of Strata Energy in Gillette, Wyoming or the Crook County Clerk's Office in Sundance, Wyoming. Upon request by an interested party, the Land Quality Division may schedule a public meeting to discuss the application. If such a meeting is scheduled, it must be prior to the date for the close of public comments. If concerns about the permit are not resolved by the Land Quality Division, written objections to the proposed mining operation and groundwater classification must be received by the Administrator, Land Quality Division of

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the Department of Environmental Quality, Herschler Building, 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82002, before the close of business 30 days after the last publication as required in W.S. §35-11- 406(k). If any written objections are received, a public hearing shall be held within twenty (20) days after the final date for filing objections, unless a different period is stipulated to by the parties. The Environmental Quality Council or the Director shall publish notice of the time, date, and locations of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality of the proposed operations once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks immediately prior to the hearing. The hearing shall be conducted as a contested case in accordance with Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act (W.S. §16-3115), and the right of judicial review shall be provided as afforded in that act. All parties as given in W.S. §35-11- 406(j) will be mailed a copy of this notice. The Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will be mailed a copy of the application mine plan map as required in W.S. §35-11- 406(j).

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