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|  | LAND QUALITY DIVISION ADVISORY BOARD  |  |
| ADVISORY BOARD MEETING TO PRESENT AND SCOPE DRAFT SOURCE MATERIA<br>PROGRAM (SMP) CHAPTERS 2, 3, AND 5 |   |  |
|  | TRANSCRIPT OF MEETING PROCEEDINGS   |  |
|  | Transcript of Meeting Proceedings in the above – entitled matter before the Department<br>of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division, commencing on the 21st day of September,<br>2023 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 211, 200 West 17 <sup>th</sup> Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Chairman Jim<br>Gampetro presiding, with board members Ms. Dawn Kolkman, Ms. Natalia Macker, and Mr.<br>Gene Legerski also attending via video conference.  |  |
|  | In attendance from the Land Quality Division (LQD) are Ms. Carol Stark – LQD Source Material and Uranium Recovery Programs, Mr. Monte Buchanan – Source Material and Uranium Recovery Programs, Mr. Craig Hults – LQD, Mr. Muthu Kuchanur – LQD Program Manager, and Ms. Jacquelyn Williams – LQD. Also, in attendance via video conference from Wyoming Attorney General's Office are Ms. Jenny Steven and Ms. Alysia Goldman. And interested public participants via video conference included Mr. Duncan White – Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Ms. Kristina Barden. |  |
|  | CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: All right, that's fine. We will, uh, consider the- the meeting open<br>Um, I would like to know, um, how are we doing on, um, before we get into introductions and<br>that, how are we doing on the replacement of those, uh, terms which are expiring right now, et<br>of the month.  |  |
|  | MR. HULTS: Uh, Chairman Gampetro, this is Craig. We have two new appointees the term d not start until September 30th. I did extend invitations to both of them; however, they have pricommitments but we will have Brian Cook who is a Cheyenne City Council member, so he we be our government representative, and then Matthew Avery, he is from Rozet, Wyoming, and will be our Ag rep. So, we do have replacement and they'll be at the December meeting.  |  |
|  | CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: Okay. Thank you, Craig. Let's go through introductions now. I'm Jim Gampetro. I'm, a resident of Buffalo, Wyoming. I'm a public representative. If you would each indicate, who you are, who you represent, and if you're a, member of the board, what- wh member you are?   |  |

| 1<br>2   | BOARD MEMBER KOLKMAN: Good morning. Uh, this is Dawn Kolkman. I reside in Douglas, Wyoming and I am a board member representing mining.   |
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| 4        | CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: Thank you.   |
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| 6        | BOARD MEMBER LEGERSKIT: My name is Gene Legerski and I reside down in Rock  |
| 7<br>8   | Springs, Wyoming and I'm the political subdivision representative on the board.   |
| 9        | CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: Thank you, Gene.   |
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| 11<br>12 | MR. HULTS: Chairman Gampetro, this is Craig here in Cheyenne, I'll let everybody introduce themselves but this is Craig Hults. I'm with the Land Quality Division here in Cheyenne. |
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| 14<br>15 | MS. STARK: And I'm also here in Cheyenne. My name is Carol Stark. I represent the DEQ Land Quality, Uranium Recovery Program, and the Source Materials Program as a health          |
| 16       | physicist.  |
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| 18       | MS. STEVEN: Good morning, everyone. I'm Jenny Steven. Um, I work for the Attorney   |
| 19       | General's office and I represent Land Quality.  |
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| 21       | MS. WILLIAMS: I'm Jacqueline Williams, and I'm with Land Quality here at DEQ.   |
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| 23       | MR. KUCHANUR: Good morning, everyone. This is Muthu Kuchanur, Program Manager with  |
| 24       | Land Quality Division in Cheyenne.  |
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| 26       | MR. BUCHANAN: Good morning, everyone. I'm, Monte Buchanan. I'm here with DEQ under  |
| 27       | the URP Source Material Program also.   |
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| 29       | MR. HULTS: And Mr. Chairman, we also have and I'll do call in the folks if you wouldn't   |
| 30       | mind introducing yourself, uh, Alysia Goldman.  |
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| 32       | MS. GOLDMAN: I'm Alysia Goldman with the Attorney General's office representing the   |
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| 35       | MR. HULTS: And then Kristina Barden.  |
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| 37       | MS. BARDEN: Uh, hi. I'm Kristina Barden. I'm an Environmental Specialist with Şişecam   |
| 38       | Wyoming, Chroma Mine and Refinery. I'm just kind of here to listen in and kind of keep my   |
| 39       | finger on the pulse of evolving regulations.  |
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| 41       | MR. HULTS: And then, finally, Duncan White.   |
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| 43       | MR. WHITE: Good morning. My name is Duncan White. I'm with the Nuclear Regulatory   |
| 44       | Commission. I'm the project manager for the Amendment to the Wyoming Agreement which  |
| 45       | will incorporate these Source Material Regulations.   |
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| 1  | CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: So, that's it. Any other introductions? Hearing none, we'll go              |
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| 2  | forward. We need to approve the minutes from the June 22nd, 2023 meeting. Does anybody have    |
| 3  | any additions or corrections to those minutes? Seeing none for board members, please indicate  |
| 4  | by saying aye if you approve this meeting, these minutes.                                      |
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| 6  | BOARD MEMBER KOLKMAN: Aye.   |
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| 8  | BOARD MEMBER MACKER: Aye. It's Natalia, I'm here.  |
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| 10 | BOARD MEMBER LEGERSKI: Aye.  |
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| 12 | CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: Was that you that just tried and did, Natalie?                              |
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| 14 | BOARD MEMBER MACKER: It was.   |
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| 16 | CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: Okay. Glad to have you. Now, we've got a quorum. Hearing any                |
| 17 | discussion on these minutes? Well, hearing none, um, anybody adverse to these minutes or wants |
| 18 | corrections or anything? Well, then, the minutes are approved. Um                              |
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| 20 | MS. GOLDMAN: Mr. Chairman, you have to- you have to vote on those.                             |
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| 22 | CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: I did not understand what you just said.                                    |
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| 24 | MS. GOLDMAN: I'm sorry. I'm having some technical difficulties, but did you guys vote on       |
| 25 | those? To approve the minutes.   |
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| 27 | BOARD MEMBER MACKER: Yes.  |
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| 29 | MS. GOLDMAN: Okay. Sorry.  |
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| 31 | CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: You're- you're having some technical, difficulties, but I didn't catch      |
| 32 | what they are. What did you say after that?  |
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| 34 | MS. GOLDMAN: Oh, I was just wondering if you guys approved the minutes. It cut out a little    |
| 35 | bit for me. But-   |
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| 37 | CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: Okay.   |
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| 39 | MS. GOLDMAN: Natalia answered me. So, we're good.  |
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| 41 | CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: Well, I'm really having a difficult time understanding. Who are you         |
| 42 | that's talking right now?  |
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| 44 | MS. GOLDMAN: I'm Alysia Goldman with the Attorney General's office. I'm the board's            |
| 45 | counsel.   |
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CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: Oh, okay. So, none of the board members have any problems with 1 these minutes? If so, please speak up right now. So, the minutes are approved. So, the next item 2 on the agenda is introduction and scoping of three draft chapters, Source Material Program. 3 Craig, who are you going to have walk us through? Carol or Monte? 4 5 MR. HULTS: Mr. Chairman, this will be kind of a group effort. I got a couple of words before 6 we start and then Carol will dive into the presentation followed by Monte. 7 8 CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: Sounds good. 9 10 MR. HULTS: And first, I just wanted to say, Administrator Wendtland apologizes for not being 11 on the line today. He is with Director Parfitt at a Regulatory Reduction Task Force, and he 12 wanted to express his apologies for not being able to make it. And also now that Natalia is back 13 on or is on the line, I just wanted to say that she was reappointed for another term just to follow 14 up on your question, Jim. So, we're happy to have her back. 15 16 CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: Well... 17 18 MR. HULTS: And with that... Go ahead, Mr. Chairman. 19 20 CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: Welcome back, Natalia. 21 22 [background conversations] 23 24 MR. HULTS: And then, one last thing, just for everyone's knowledge. We're recording this 25 meeting. We've had a transition with our court reporter so Kathy Kendrick will no longer be with 26 us. She is taking a position with a court judge. That's a little more stable and, she'll be able to go 27 home at night every night. So, we wish her well on that task but we'll have some new court 28 reporters working their way through, some of these meetings until we get somebody more 29 permanent. And with that, I will turn it over to Carol and they will be presenting that 30 presentation you are talking about earlier, Mr. Chairman. 31 32 33 CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: Go ahead, Carol. 34 35 MS. STARK: Okay. We're going to pull up the presentation here. 36 MR. HULTS: If you click on the PowerPoint, it will, right? It will bring up the window if you go 37 back. Got you. Very good. 38 39 MS. STARK: We usually present from current slides. Sorry, the biggest. Okay. So, you all can 40 see Source Material Program Proposed Rules? 41 42 BOARD MEMBER MACKER: Yes. 43 44 MS. STARK: Okay, great. Thank you. So what we're here to talk to you about is our- the 45 proposed rule, that we have been putting together and we'd like to show them to you, in draft 46

right now. These are, um... and we'd like to talk to a little bit about the Source Material Program.

2 I'm sure after the last set of rules, you're familiar with the Uranium Recovery Program. The

3 Source Material Program, was created to allow Wyoming to assume regulatory authority over

4 source materials generated from milling and it's really important that you see that word, milling.

5 This authority will be granted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. It's an authority that we

6 are going to act for, but to get there, the Source Material Program became or began as House Bill

7 61, which was titled First Material Associated with Milling.

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9 So, the summary of the House Bill, it was introduced and adopted by State Legislature in

<sup>10</sup> February of 20... 2023, and DEQ, it gave the governor ability to authorize DEQ to issue,

suspend, and revoke licenses for possession and use of source material recovered from mineral

resource to assume authority over source material recovered from mineral resource processing,

to adopt a fee structure for licenses recovered from mineral resources, promulgate rules for the

regulation of this source material, hire to two full-time positions for the DEQ for the Source

Material Program, which is Monte and I, and Monte will be talking some more toward the end of this; and to appropriate funding to implement the act.

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18 So, the definition of source material is, or that contained uranium or thorium in any, or any

combination thereof above a certain concentration and that concentration of 0.05 percent or more

by weight. Wyoming is seeking authority from the NRC over source material recovered from

any mineral resources process primarily for purposes other than obtaining the source material

contents. The- simply stated, when milling concentrates uranium or thorium anywhere in its

process, that is about 0.05 percent. So, we have certain examples of source material. Source

24 Material Program would regulate source material generated from rare earth milling, source

material generated from any other milling copper, gold, coal, and, the SMP would not- we would

not regulate depleted uranium, water treatment resins, or milling for the sole purpose- the

- 27 purpose of uranium or thorium.
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So, what is- we talk about an agreement state, and I haven't... that was what, early on, when I discussed the NRC and how they're going to give us authority, we're going to ask for it. We're asking- we are an agreement state and an agreement state is a state that's entered into an agreement with the NRC to obtain regulatory authority to regulate certain uses of radioactive materials within the state such as a byproduct material which is defined as 11(e)2. That's an

actual, that's an actual regulation. By-product material that's included in the Uranium Recovery

Program rule, a source material which is a subset of the URP rule, and, similar- similarly, a

subset will be included in the SMP rule and certain quantities of special nuclear material that,

actually, I shouldn't have said and. Certain quantity of special nuclear material is not going to be

regulated by Wyoming. So, things like plutonium or isotopes of uranium, U233 or U235 will not

be regulated by Wyoming as part of this agreement. So, I have a slide that shows the agreement
 state. Those are those in the gray.

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BOARD MEMBER MACKER: Sorry to interrupt. Are we supposed to see the slides advancing?
Because I'm still only seeing the introductory slide.

45 MS. STARK: Oh.

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MR. HULTS: Oh, boy. 1

2 BOARD MEMBER MACKER: I'm happy to- I know you emailed it. So, I'm happy to look at 3 that. I just wanted to point that out to make sure. 4

- MS. STARK: Okay. Okay. Yeah, I appreciate that. Is anybody else not getting the slides 6 advancing? We're sharing. 7
- 8 MR. WHITE: They're not advancing for me. 9
- 10 BOARD MEMBER MACKER: Me either. 11
- BOARD MEMBER LEGERSKI: I'm just following along on the other one. 13
- 14 MS. STARK: Okay, yeah. If you could follow along on the other one, we'd appreciate it, and 15 we'd get that fixed before the next board meeting. [chuckles] So, if you can see the map of NRC 16 and the agreement state, Slide 7. We're- we're going back to where we were. Slide 7 shows the 17 NRC and the Agreement States. Thank you for telling us that, by the way. And the next slide 18 we're going to would be Slide 8, and it talks about adequacy and compatibility. Those are very 19 important terms with the NRC because they're the standards in the NRC because an agreement 20 state must meet certain program elements to maintain an adequate compatible program according 21 to NRC standards. 22
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So, compatibility categories, these are a few- four of the categories, A and B, which means that 24 we're identical to the NRC standards. C is more stringent but not less stringent. D is not required 25 for compatibility and H and S, Health and Safety, is not- is required but not a compatibility 26 requirement. The regulations and program elements are determined in accordance. You can see 27 these, each of this compatibility, uh, compatibility categories in the Management Directive and 28 Handbook 5.9, which discusses the adequacy and compatibility for the Agreement States 29 Program. 30

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So, you might be wondering why we had- why the URP and the SMP, the Uranium Recovery 32 33 Program and the Source Material Program, we are- these are- will be and are two separate programs, two sets of rules that will be promulgated for a clear regulatory structure. The 34 Uranium Recovery Program was established as a limited agreement state with the NRC in 2018 35 if you remember. And under the URP, Wyoming assumed regulatory authority over a discreet 36 sliver of the following materials: source material, as I mentioned before, and associated 37 byproduct material as defined in 11(e)2 of the Atomic Energy Act as a mandate. The NRC 38 Program for URP is funded 100% through fees paid by industry. 39 On the next slide, Slide 10, the Source Materials Program will regulate, the segment of source 41

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material possession and use licenses, will stand up- we will stand up this program and it would 42

be similar in the approach that was taken for URP. This program funded by general funds while 43

the rules are being... while the rules are being promulgated, so right now. And currently, there is 44

one source material possession and use license holder with the NRC and Wyoming related to 45

rare earth development for this discrete material category. And then once this program is stood 46

up, any source material possession and use license will be transferred to the state and the license 1 holder will pay fees to fund the program so that in that, then that is the similarity with- will be 2 the similarity with the URP. So, therefore, there will be two sets of rules: one for URP and one 3 for SMP. 4 5 The URP rules are being used as a template for the proposed SMP rules. When we get to the red 6 line strike out that Monte's going to show you, he'll be able to show that. So, today's meeting is 7 to discuss the SMP rule. Now, we're going to move to Slide 11 and I'm going to move our 8 speaker over so that Monte can talk about the entire... the rules and how we changed them. 9 10 MR. BUCHANAN: I got it. Yeah. Thank you, Carol. Uh, yeah, thank you, Chairman Gampetro, 11 and board members. So, can anybody see the slide on the screen that I'm sharing now? 12 13 MS. STARK: Slide 11. 14 15 MR. BUCHANAN: Number 11. Um, did- Jenny had to try something different. 16 17 BOARD MEMBER LEGERSKI: Yeah, we can see it. 18 19 MR. BUCHANAN: You can see it? I was wondering if it's- if we show it in just normal 20 PowerPoint view, instead of presentation view. But, yeah, uh, so it's, um... my team member 21 Carol mentioned that we're presenting these new rules and here's- and their similarities between, 22 the existing URP rules and, we're going to propose these new Source Material Program rules and 23 this consists kind of an outline of the structure. And today, we're going to present three rules and 24 they're highlighted, in this group, this class of nine. There's chapters 2, 3, and 5. And, so this is 25 kind of like a road map right here and we're just going to chapters- to present chapters 2, 3, and 26 27 5. 28 So, three chapters out of nine will be presented kind of in table to the LQD Advisory Board as 29 follows, and the group one is what we're doing today. And that's chapters 2, 3, and 5, and then at 30 the next meeting, the fourth quarter will be three chapters, and then another three will be 31 presented in the first quarter of 2024. After each group of rules, the NRC will review them and 32 33 any comments from the NRC will be presented back to the board members at the next quarterly board meeting. After the NRC has reviewed all nine chapters, the total Source Material Program 34 rules package will be presented to the board for voting. 35 36 So, I wanted to emphasize again that there's going to be two separate programs and two sets of 37 rules, these are just to achieve this goals, no changes will be made to the existing URP rules. 38 We're going to leave those alone. They're going to be left untouched. It's already been accepted 39 by the NRC. So the URP regulatory framework has been used as a template and we're mirroring 40 those rules and revising where necessary to create the new Source Material Program rules. 41 Because again, I mentioned, URP rules have been found to be compatible, NRC, and this will 42 also help NRC review process. These proposed rules are... [echoes] it clearly shows the 43 differences between URP and the SMP. This format will be used through the NRC. 44 45 BOARD MEMBER MACKER: Sorry to interrupt. I think there's maybe one phone number that's 46

- 1 unmuted and it's making an echo in the system for me that I would love to resolve if possible.
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- 3 MR. HULTS: Thank you, Board Member Macker.
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MR. BUCHANAN: All right. Thank you for bringing that up. So at this point, if- if you have 5 available in front of you, I just wanted to, point out the red line strike out for lack of better 6 words. Um, again, these are going to be new rules that are being proposed but we'll start with the 7 group one, chapters 2 and 3-2, 3, and 5 and specifically, we'll start with Chapter 2. And what we 8 did there in these proposed rules is we deleted all references related to uranium or thorium 9 recovery or milling and the associated byproduct material as defined by this- the Section 11(e)2 10 definition. Um, and then we added the language regarding source material recovered from any 11 mineral resources except primarily for purposes other than obtaining the source material content. 12 13 So, in Chapter 2, on pages 2-1 there, we made those changes in Section 1 and then we made 14 those changes in Section 2. And finally, we made the changes in Section 3B and i, Romanette i. 15 And if you guys have any questions, we'll... as soon as I'm- we're done with this, we'll give you 16 an opportunity to ask those questions regarding these changes. 17 18 So, and then chapters 3 and 5, basically, these are very simplistic rule changes and there, we just 19 substituted, the program name from the existing Uranium Recovery Program and we substituted, 20 deleted that and substituted the Source Material Program. And that's found in Chapters 3 on 21 pages 3-2, sections 4C and D, and then in Chapter 5 with the same thing on pages 5-1, Section 22 3D. And so, there you have it and, we..., if you have any questions, please feel to shout those out 23 24 now. 25 CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: So, we're open for questions now. If anybody have any questions. 26 27 BOARD MEMBER KOLKMAN: Chairman, this is Dawn Kolkman and I do have a few 28 questions for Monte and Carol. 29 30 31 CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: Go ahead with your questions. 32 33 BOARD MEMBER KOLKMAN: Okay. Thank you. I just want to make, I guess, some clarification on a few things. So, this is geared towards rare earths. As you said we have one 34 license in Wyoming, however, if a copper mine or gold mine or coal mine came in, they also do 35 partake of this license? 36 37 CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: Who are you asking this question? 38 39 BOARD MEMBER KOLKMAN: Oh, Monte. 40 41 MR. BUCHANAN: Yeah, Board Member Kolkman. Could you repeat that last part of the 42 question if there was a copper mine or a gold mine? Um... 43 44 BOARD MEMBER KOLKMAN: They... just wondering if they could also partake of this 45

46 license? It's not just rare earth mine.

Monte: The... um, we can write these questions down and ask our program manager and get back 1 to you on the meeting next- next board meeting, but we would like to take a stab at it. It's, so this 2 bill is set up to recover the source material program that's been in possession or use for other 3 than mining for source material. And so, that gold or copper with the intended target of the 4 mineral as gold and copper and use somewhat, coincidentally, the same source material, we 5 would need a Possession and Use License for that. So, and again that by the definition is that, 6 and you would know this as well as most others but generate source material when you're mining 7 a, target mineral other than the source material then you're going to have to have a license so 8 they would I guess, they would have to participate in this program. 9 10 BOARD MEMBER KOLKMAN: Thank you. Another question for Monte is, I'm looking at 11 Chapter 2 and some of the red strikeouts include a byproduct stream. So, therefore, I'm assuming 12 that none of these, mining operations have a byproduct disposal? 13 14 MR. BUCHANAN: Yes. 15 16 MS. GOLDMAN: Excuse me. 17 18 MR. BUCHANAN: Oh. 19 20 MS. GOLDMAN: [inaudible] Would you mind muting while Monte responds? We're getting a 21 little feedback and we're having a hard time hearing him. 22 23 BOARD MEMBER KOLKMAN: Will do. 24 25 MS. GOLDMAN: Thank you. 26 27 MR. BUCHANAN: Thank you. On that strikeout for the disposal of the associated byproduct 28 material, that's just a- that, um... [echoes] 29 30 31 MS. GOLDMAN: And, Jim, I'm so sorry. Could you mute yours at all, sir? 32 33 MR. HULTS: Maybe he's just on the phone. 34 MR. BUCHANAN: Okay. So the question is, I believe, what, Board Member Kolkman was 35 asking is in Chapter 2 under Section 1 in the purpose is, that we're deleting any references to the 36 disposal of associated byproduct material. That is- that regulation is geared for the Uranium 37 Recovery Program. When you're mining- milling for or concentrating any material other than, 38 the source material, again, you would generate or incidentally generate a source material. So, it's 39 not necessarily dealing with the 11(e)2 byproduct material in this case. So, there are similarities 40 between the two programs, between the Existing Uranium Recovery program, and there's sim-41 similarities with the Source Material Program but the objectives are very different and so, it's not 42 necessarily you're going to be generating, having to deal with the disposal of associated 43 byproduct- product material. 44 45 BOARD MEMBER KOLKMAN: Thank you. Perfect. Thank you. 46

MR. BUCHANAN: You're welcome. 1 2 CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: Any more- any more questions? 3 4 [background conversations] 5 6 CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: I can hear people talking in the background, but I can't understand 7 them. 8 9 MR. BUCHANAN: Sorry, Mr. Chairman. I was just closing up a window on our screen. It looks 10 like Natalia has raised her hand. 11 12 BOARD MEMBER MACKER: I do not have a question anymore. Thank you. 13 14 CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: So, are we done with this, Craig? 15 16 MR. HULTS: Mr. Chairman, if you don't have any questions, I will say that at this point we're 17 just going with these, again, they will be presented at a final meeting. So, if you do have further 18 questions along the way, we'll have additional meeting where questions could be asked about 19 those rules. But if you have no further question, I believe the presentation was finished. 20 21 MS. STARK: Yes. 22 23 CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: Well then, we'll move on. Any other items for discussion? 24 25 MR. HULTS: Mr. Chairman, this is Craig again. I do have one item and that's involved Gene and 26 John Heinz. John Heinz, unfortunately, couldn't make it today. However, this will be Gene's last 27 meeting and would have been John's last meeting during the term and the LQD just wanted to 28 express our appreciation for all the service and time you've committed to the rule-making in the 29 State of Wyoming. If Monte could share, we will be sending out to Gene and John a 30 commemorative plaque over your time from the LQD Advisory Board and we sure do appreciate 31 32 it. 33 CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: Yeah, let me just say, I, thank them as well. And, uh, I think it's a 34 good idea to commemorate it in some fashion. 35 36 MR. HULTS: I agree, Mr. Chairman. 37 38 BOARD MEMBER LEGERSKI: Oh, I appreciate it. This board has been one of those ones that, 39 uh, has definitely stretched me. I've enjoyed my time on the board, you know, everything's been 40 Zoom so I hadn't met you in person, but eventually our paths will cross somewhere in the great 41 state. So, you know, having done this for over 30 years in various mining activities, and now at a 42 county government, rulemaking is always important to make sure that it works for everybody 43 and that's the one thing I like about Wyoming is we do get together and have a diverse 44 background of people on here that get to put their input in and, make it work for everyone. So, I 45 appreciate that. Thank you. 46

MR. HULTS: Thank you, Board Member Legerski. CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: Any other comments or items for discussion? MR. HULTS: Mr. Chairman, this is Craig again. I do not have any further business. CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: Anyone else? Any comments or items for discussion? Well, seeing none, uh, we will consider this meeting adjourned. BOARD MEMBER MACKER: Thank you. MR. HULTS: Thank you. CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: Thank you. MS. STARK: Thank you. CHAIRMAN GAMPETRO: Thank you all. Thank all of you for your time and the energy that you put into this. BOARD MEMBER KOLKMAN: Thank you. [END]