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SUBJECT: CROWNPOINT URANIUM PROJECT (CUP) LICENSE RENEWAL, MATERIALS  
LICENSE SUA-1580, UPDATED NOTICE OF LICENSE RENEWAL  
ACTIVITIES, DOCKET 040-08968 (TAC NO. J00654)

Dear Mr. Jones:

By letter dated September 16, 2014, Hydro Resources Inc. (HRI), a subsidiary of Uranium Resources, Inc. (URI), provided the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff with an updated notice of ongoing activities related to its NRC license renewal request for Material License SUA-1580. The September 16, 2014, letter can be found in NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at Accession No. ML14288A458.

HRI originally requested renewal of Materials License SUA-1580 in a letter dated August 22, 2002 (Accession No. ML022460195), and subsequently supplemented its license renewal application with a submission dated March 21, 2013 (Accession No. ML130980185). In a letter dated February 5, 2014 (Accession No. ML14056A288), HRI provided notice of intent to further revise the license renewal application for SUA-1580. In that letter, HRI notified the NRC staff it was working with representatives of the Navajo Nation to consider the terms of an agreement that would result in mutual gains for both the Navajo Nation and URI and that changes to the license renewal documents were expected to result from any such agreement. HRI proposed to update the license renewal documents by June 1, 2014. Subsequent to that notification, the NRC staff stopped actively reviewing the license renewal documents pending receipt of the revised license renewal documents.

In its September 16, 2014, letter, HRI provided a short summary of activities related to its interactions with the Navajo Nation. HRI reaffirmed that additional changes to the license renewal application are expected to result from these interactions and that additional time is required for its work with the Navajo Nation Council. HRI stated, "HRI believes that it is vital to continue its work with the Navajo Nation Council because we desired to seek consensus on various aspects of our project before action is taken by the NRC on the license renewal."

Since HRI has requested additional time to complete its discussions with the Navajo Nation Council and to submit the anticipated revised license renewal application, the NRC staff will place its review of the license renewal application in abeyance until further notice. HRI has committed to providing the NRC with regular status updates on its discussions. If the revised license renewal application has not been submitted within approximately 12-months of the date of this letter, the NRC staff will revisit the review status of the renewal application. The NRC staff decision to place the renewal review in abeyance will not affect the current timely renewal status of HRI's Material License SUA-1580.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please contact Mr. Ron Linton, the Project Manager for Source Material License SUA-1341, at 301-415-7777, or by e-mail at [Ron.Linton@nrc.gov](mailto:Ron.Linton@nrc.gov).

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