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Mr. Stephen Collings, President Crow Butte Resources, Inc. 274 Union Blvd, Ste 310 Lakewood, CO 80228

Dear Mr. Collings:

On September 19, 2001, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality received a copy of the Surety Cost Estimate document submitted by Crow Butte Resources, Inc. to estimate costs associated with mining, restoration, decommission, and reclamation at the Uranium Facility through Fiscal Year (FY) 2002.

The Department has reviewed the document for sufficiency and compliance with Chapter 37, Title 122 - Rules and Regulations for Underground Injection and Mineral Production Wells. As a result of this review, the Department has determined that \$12,355,260.00 is adequate under existing site conditions.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this letter or the review of the Surety Cost Estimate document, please contact David Miesbach of my staff at (402) 471-4982.

Michael J. Lind Director

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