December 4, 2002

Mr. Michael L. Griffin, Manager of Health, Safety, and Environmental Affairs Crow Butte resources, Inc. 86 Crow Butte Road P.O. Box 169 Crawford, Nebraska 69339-0169

SUBJECT: CROW BUTTE RESOURCES, INC. (TAC NO. L52491) ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF WELLFIELD #1 GROUNDWATER STABILITY DATA

Dear Michael:

We have received your information on Mine Unit 1 groundwater stability data of Materials License SUA 1548 transmitted by letter dated October 11, 2002. Your request has been assigned TAC No. L52491. Please reference this number in any future correspondence associated with this request.

We acknowledge our acceptance of your Mine Unit 1 groundwater stability data and have identified no administrative omissions or major technical deficiencies. The Mine Unit 1 groundwater stability data has been accepted for review. Please note that the complete technical review may identify omissions in the submittal information or technical issues that require additional information.

Based on our acknowledgment and projection of current review schedules, we anticipate completing our review by the end of February 2003. This date could change depending on the findings of our technical review, urgent assignments, or other factors. We will promptly communicate any significant changes to this schedule. I can be reached at 301-415-7694 or by e-mail at jhl@nrc.gov.

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Sincerely,

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