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Subject: Withdrawal of License Amendment Request
Source Materials License SUA-1534
Docket Number 40-8943

Dear Mr. Janosko:

By letter dated July 7, 2004, Crow Butte Resources, Inc. (CBR) submitted a request for an amendment to Source Materials License SUA-1534. Specifically, CBR requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) amend License Conditions 9.8 and 12.5 of SUA-1534 to approve a Wellfield Decommissioning Plan dated June 2004. CBR is required by NRC to decommission areas within the site boundary following completion of active mining. The CBR Wellfield Decommissioning Plan provides instructions for reclamation of a mine unit following successful completion of groundwater restoration activities including proper plugging and abandonment of all wells, removal of surface and subsurface structures, utilities, and pipelines, and removal of surface and subsurface radiological contamination.

Upon further consideration, CBR withdraws the amendment request for License Conditions 9.8 and 12.5. The Wellfield Decommissioning Plan was intended to provide instructions for interim reclamation and decommissioning steps that will ultimately be part of the final decommissioning plan submitted before the end of active mining as required in License Condition 12.5. As such, these instructions will be part of the detailed decommissioning plan submitted at that time. CBR does request that NRC review and provide comments on the Wellfield Decommissioning Plan to ensure its adequacy for use during interim reclamation efforts.

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If you have any questions concerning this amendment request, please feel free to contact me at (308) 665-2215.

Sincerely,
CROW BUTTE RESOURCES, INC.

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