



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

June 5, 1998

Crow Butte Resources, Inc.
ATTN: Mr. Stephen P. Collings, President
216 Sixteenth Street Mall, Suite 810
Denver, Colorado 80202

SUBJECT: CHANGE IN CORPORATE OWNERSHIP

Dear Mr. Collings:

By letter dated May 13, 1998, Crow Butte Resources, Inc. (CBR) notified the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of an upcoming change in the ownership of one of the shareholders of CBR. In addition, CBR provided the information identified under NRC Information Notice (IN) 89-25, Revision 1 (December 7, 1994).

Based on its review, the NRC staff finds the proposed change in shareholder ownership to be acceptable, and this letter is evidence of NRC's consent to the change. The details of CBR's notification and the NRC staff's evaluation of the proposed change are discussed in the enclosed Technical Evaluation Report. No amendment to Source Material License No. SUA-1534 is necessary as a result of this licensing action.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the enclosure, please contact Mr. James Park of my staff, at (301) 415-6699.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. J. Holonich".

Joseph J. Holonich, Chief
Uranium Recovery Branch
Division of Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Docket No. 40-8943
License No. SUA-1534

Enclosure: As stated

cc: H. Borchert, RCPD, NE
NDEQ
PDR, NE

TECHNICAL EVALUATION REPORT
FOR REQUEST FOR LICENSE TRANSFER

DOCKET NO. 40-8943

LICENSE NO. SUA-1534

LICENSEE: Crow Butte Resources, Inc.

FACILITY: Crow Butte Uranium Project

PROJECT MANAGER: James Park

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has reviewed Crow Butte Resources, Inc.'s (CBR's) notification of a change in shareholder ownership, submitted by letter dated May 13, 1998. Based on its review, the NRC staff has no objection to the change in ownership. No amendment to Source Material License No. SUA-1534 is necessary as a result of this licensing action.

DESCRIPTION OF LICENSEE'S AMENDMENT REQUEST:

By letter dated May 13, 1993, CBR notified NRC of an upcoming change in ownership of one of the shareholders of CBR. Currently, the shareholders of CBR are Geomex Minerals, Inc. (16 shares), Kepco Resources America, Ltd. (5 shares), and Uranerz U.S.A., Inc. (79 shares). Cameco Corporation has entered into an agreement to purchase all of the shares of Uranerz U.S.A., Inc. with the likely closing to occur in the late summer or early fall of 1998. The remaining shareholders and their shares will be unaffected by this purchase.

As part of its submittal, CBR provided the information identified in Information Notice (IN) 89-25, Rev. 1. As a result of this change in ownership, CBR does not anticipate any effect on the day-to-day management and operation of the company, or any impairment to its ability to comply with NRC regulations or the requirements in SUA-1534.

TECHNICAL EVALUATION:

The NRC staff has reviewed CBR's license transfer request against the requirements in 10 CFR Part 40, using staff guidance that addresses licensee applications involving changes in company ownership.

With the change in shareholder ownership, CBR has stated that it will maintain the same functional organization structure, responsibilities, and qualifications, as those currently in place at the Crow Butte facility. In addition, there are no planned changes in organization, facility location, equipment, current operating and emergency procedures, or personnel, as a result of this change in ownership. Records will continue to be maintained as required under NRC regulations and in SUA-1534. Also, there will be no change in the use or storage of any

licensed material on site. Finally, no modification to the existing surety arrangement is necessary.

Therefore, based on its review, the NRC staff has no objection to the change in shareholder ownership of CBR.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT EVALUATION:

An environmental review was not performed, since this action is an administrative action which is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(11).