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ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENT SEPT. 30 REGARDING CROW BUTTE LICENSE RENEWAL

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) will hear oral arguments Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 in Chadron, Neb., regarding the application of Crow Butte Resources, Inc., to renew its license for its in-situ leach uranium recovery facility in Crawford, Neb.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe, the Oglala Delegation of the Great Sioux Nation Treaty Council, the Western Nebraska Resource Council and several individuals have petitioned to intervene in the license renewal proceeding. The oral arguments will address the standing of these potential parties to intervene and the admissibility of their various environmental and technical contentions.

The oral arguments will be held in the Chicoine Atrium of the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, Chadron State College, 1000 Main St. in Chadron. They will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Sept. 30 and will carry over into Oct. 1 as necessary.

The ASLB Panel is the independent trial-level adjudicatory body of the NRC. Acting on behalf of the Commission and independent of the agency staff, individual Licensing Boards conduct public hearings concerning contested issues that arise in the course of licensing and enforcement proceedings regarding nuclear reactors and the civilian use of nuclear materials in the United States.

Licensing Boards typically consist of three administrative judges; in this proceeding, the board includes two technical experts and an attorney, with a second attorney serving as a special assistant to the board.

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