

ATTACHMENT I

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January 15, 1998

Re: License No SUA-1534
Docket No 40-8943
License Renewal

Dear Mr Holonich

In your phone call of December 5 and in follow-up discussions with James Park you indicated that the renewal of the Crow Butte license was held up and that USNRC may consider prohibition of new development until a traditional cultural property survey is completed. This is in addition to previous archeological surveys conducted in conjunction with the Nebraska State Historical Society as part of the original application. CBR has initiated the traditional cultural property survey by contacting seven Indian tribes that may have been in the area. Additional contacts have been made with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Nebraska Indian Affairs Commission. A copy of a letter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Aberdeen, South Dakota is attached and indicates that the Oglala Sioux do not have any information on possible cultural resources in the Crow Butte permit area. The Oglala Sioux is the nearest tribe to the Crow Butte Mine and is 40-60 miles northeast.

Crow Butte Resources has completed construction of a portion of Mine Unit 6 and is ready to start-up the first well house in March, 1998. Mine Unit 6 is adjacent to existing activity in Mine Units 1-5. Since development is already complete Crow Butte does not consider start-up of Mine Unit 6 to be included in a possible prohibition of new development until the traditional cultural resource survey is complete.

Please advise me as soon as possible on this because it is essential to Crow Butte to start-up Mine Unit 6 in order to maintain production at present levels and to fulfill contractual commitments.

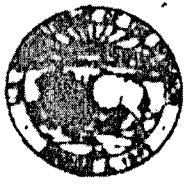
Please contact me if you need any additional information

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Mr. Bartley W. Conroy, Vice President
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Dear Mr. Conroy:

The present letter is in response to your letter of December 15, 1997 requesting information on possible Native American traditional cultural use areas within the Crow Butte Uranium Project in Dawes County, Nebraska.

The USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs, Aberdeen Area Office, administers no trust lands in the above referenced region, and we have no records of cultural resources in the vicinity. In addition, inquiries of various members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to the north failed to reveal any additional information on possible cultural resources in your area of concern.

If you have any additional questions or if we can be of further assistance to you, please contact Dr. Carson N. Murdy, Aberdeen Area Archaeologist at (605) 226-7621.

Sincerely,

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Natural Resources Officer