

May 13, 2011

Mr. Josh Leftwich
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SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REQUEST FOR PRE-SUBMISSION REVIEW OF SMITH RANCH LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION AND EXTENSION OF DEADLINE TO SUBMIT SUPPLEMENT TO LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION, POWER RESOURCES, INC., DOUGLAS, WYOMING, LICENSE SUA-1548 (TAC NO. J00635)

Dear Mr. Leftwich:

By letter dated April 28, 2011, Power Resources, Inc. (PRI), doing business as Cameco Resources, submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) a request for a pre-submission review of its supplement to the license renewal application (LRA) for Source Materials License SUA-1548. This request was submitted in response to the staff's acceptance review letter dated February 4, 2011, which identified several items that were either not consistent with regulatory requirements or did not appear to be present in the LRA. As discussed in the February 4 letter, the staff suspended its review to provide Cameco with the opportunity to supplement its LRA. Cameco has requested a pre-submission review in the August 2011 timeframe and has committed to submitting its supplement to the LRA within 60 days of completion of this pre-submission review.

The staff recognizes that a number of items have been identified that may take a significant amount of effort to incorporate into the supplement to the LRA. These items were included as an enclosure to the February 4, 2011 letter and were discussed in a public meeting on March 17, 2011. Given the nature and quantity of the items identified in the letter and public meeting, the staff notes that a pre-submission review may result in a more efficient use of resources during the evaluation of the LRA. Therefore, the staff plans to conduct a pre-submission review in Wyoming during the summer of 2011. The staff plans to conduct the review at the project site; however, the staff may consider alternative locations in Casper or Cheyenne, depending on logistics. The staff is currently evaluating its workload and budget to identify possible dates for the review. The staff will be in contact with Cameco before the end of May 2011, to determine the date of the pre-submission review.

Please be aware that the pre-submission review will be conducted as a public meeting and that a record of the meeting will be prepared. This LRA is a high priority review for the staff; therefore, the staff will expect submission of the supplement to the LRA within 60 calendar days of completion of the pre-submission review. Failure to submit the supplement to the LRA within the requested timeframe may result in the rejection of the LRA. Additionally, the staff expects prompt, timely responses to any requests for additional information and open issues identified during the review. Finally, as the LRA has not been withdrawn, License SUA-1548 currently remains in timely renewal.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-0724, or by email at Douglas.Mandeville@nrc.gov.

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