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Mr. Paul Goranson, President
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RE: 2012 Surety Estimate – North Trend Expansion Area
Class III UIC Permit Number NE0210740
IIS: 91136; Prog. ID: NE0210740

Dear Mr. Goranson:

On October 14, 2011, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) received a copy of the Surety Cost Estimate document submitted by Crow Butte Resources, Inc. (CBR) to estimate costs associated with mining, restoration, decommissioning, and reclamation at the North Trend Expansion Area (NTEA) through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012.

The Department has reviewed the 2012 NTEA Surety Cost Estimate for sufficiency and compliance with Chapter 13, Title 122 – Rules and Regulations for Underground Injection and Mineral Production Wells. As a result, the Department has determined that \$6,595.00 (USD) is adequate. The Department awaits the delivery of the financial instrument naming the State of Nebraska as beneficiary of the above stated amount.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this letter or the review of the Surety Cost Estimate document, please contact Jenny Coughlin of my staff at (402) 471-4290.

Sincerely,

Michael Linder
Director

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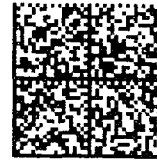
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