

**CAMECO RESOURCES
CROW BUTTE OPERATION**



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**CERTIFIED MAIL
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Attn: Document Control Desk, Deputy Director
Decommissioning and Uranium Recovery Licensing Directorate
Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection
Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs
Mailstop T8-F5
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: Source Materials License SUA-1534
Docket No. 40-8943
Evacuation Due to Threatening Wildfires

Dear Deputy Director:

On August 31, 2012, at 1530 hours a call was received by the Dawes County Sheriff's Office ordering an evacuation of the mine site due to threatening wildfire to the east of the mine. Calls were immediately made to Ron Burrows (voice message), Project Manager and the NRC 24 Hours Operations Center to inform them of the evacuation. The Operations Center indicated they would place a follow-up call to Mr. Burrows. A voice message was also left with Lindsey Phillips the site's Program Specialist with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ). During the evacuation, a crew of five Crow Butte employees remained on-site for security purposes.

On September 1, 2012 at 1700 hours the evacuation order was lifted. The mine was re-started on September 2, 2012 at 0700 hours. The 24 Hours Operations Center and the NDEQ were notified of the re-start at 0700 hours on September 2, 2012.

During the evacuation, all source material on the site was kept under 24 hour surveillance. The wildfires did not enter the licensed area and as a result there were no releases to the environment.

This report is submitted in compliance with License Condition 12.2 of Source Materials License SUA-1534.

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If you have any questions or concerns on this matter, please do not hesitate to call me at 308-665-2215 ext. 114.

Sincerely,

Larry Teahon

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Manager, Safety, Health, Environment, and Quality

Enclosures: As stated.

cc: Ron Burrows - NRC
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