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April 2, 2013

Mr. Jimmy Arterberry
Comanche Nation
Tribal Historic Preservation Office
P.O. Box 908
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Dear Mr. Arterberry:

**SUBJECT: UPDATE OF SECTION 106 CONSULTATIONS AND ISSUANCE OF
TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES SURVEY COMPLETED BY THE
SANTEE SIOUX NATION AND THE CROW NATION FOR THE PROPOSED
CROW BUTTE IN-SITU URANIUM RECOVERY LICENSE RENEWAL, NORTH
TREND, MARSLAND AND THREE CROW PROJECTS FOR TRIBAL REVIEW
AND COMMENTS**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), responsible for the government-to-government consultation of the four proposed Cameco Resources, Inc. (Cameco) Crow Butte project areas. Specifically, the project area includes: Crow Butte operating in-situ uranium recovery (ISR) facility license renewal; North Trend ISR Expansion Area; Marsland ISR Expansion Area; and, Three Crow ISR Expansion Area. The purpose of this letter is to update your Tribal office on our ongoing consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

The NRC staff has been working with the Santee Sioux Nation and the Crow Nation to identify historic properties of religious and cultural significance to Native American Tribes that could be affected by the Cameco Project, and the staff would like to share with you, sensitive, non-public information regarding properties identified by the Santee Sioux Nation and the Crow Nation.

By letter dated October 31, 2012, the NRC staff offered each consulting Tribe an opportunity to participate in a field survey to identify potential places of religious and cultural significance at the above mentioned sites. Two consulting Tribes, the Santee Sioux Nation and the Crow Tribe of Montana, accepted the Cameco's offer of access to the Crow Butte project areas during the November 14, 2012 – December 7, 2012, timeframe, and a third consulting Tribe indicated interest in participating in a field survey at a later date. Tribal representatives from the Santee Sioux and the Crow Nation successfully completed a field survey for three of the four Cameco project areas in November and December 2012 (the Crow Butte North Trend site will require a future Programmatic Agreement to be completed). Those two Tribes have prepared a Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP) Survey report and produced maps of the three Cameco project areas.

In accordance with Section 106 of the NHPA, the NRC staff has attached a copy of this TCP survey for your review and comments. This survey is the work of the Santee Sioux and the Crow Nation and has not been altered or edited by the NRC staff.

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In accordance with the protection of information and properties under the NHPA, the information and report attached contain sensitive information and must, therefore, be protected from public disclosure. As such, the information and report, as unredacted, will remain non-publicly available here at NRC headquarters. With that said, the NRC staff plans to make available to the public a redacted version of the report after a copy of the unredacted report has been provided to the consulting Tribes.

Please submit any comments or questions that you may have regarding this TCP Survey report by Friday, May 3, 2013 to either Mr. Nathan Goodman, NRC Project Manager, at 301-415-2703, or Nathan.Goodman@nrc.gov or Ms. Mirabelle Shoemaker, NRC Project Manager, at 301-415-6423, or Mirabelle.Shoemaker@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
TCP Survey Report and Accompanying Maps

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