

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD PANEL

Before the Licensing Board:

G. Paul Bollwerk, III, Chairman  
Dr. Fred Oliver

In the Matter of

CROW BUTTE RESOURCES, INC.

(North Trend Expansion Project)

Docket No. 40-8943-MLA

ASLBP No. 07-859-03-MLA-BD01

May 20, 2015

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER  
(Requesting Additional Status Information)

Acting in accord with the Licensing Board's March 2009 order, see Licensing Board Order (Confirming Matters Addressed at March 4, 2009, Telephone Conference) (Mar. 5, 2009) at 1 (unpublished), on a monthly basis the NRC staff has been submitting a status report advising of any changes regarding the estimated dates for the completion of the staff's final safety and environmental review documents for this proceeding. In its most recent report, filed on May 15, 2015, the staff indicated it still expects to be able to issue the final environmental review document for this proceeding by the end of December 2015. See Letter from Marcia J. Simon, NRC Staff Counsel, to Licensing Board (May 15, 2015).

On the agency's public website, the page devoted to the North Trend Expansion Project application review schedule indicates that the staff's draft environmental assessment (EA) for the facility is to be issued in November 2015. See Application Review Schedule for North Trend, <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/uranium-recovery/license-apps/north-trend/north-trend-schedule>.

html (last reviewed/updated Jan. 16, 2015) (last visited May 20, 2015). The Board requests that in next month's status report, the staff discuss (1) whether the draft EA for this proceeding is intended for review by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, as appears to be the case for the draft EAs in the pending Marsland Expansion Area and Crow Butte license renewal proceedings, see Application Review Schedule for Marsland, <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/uranium-recovery/license-apps/marsland/marsland-schedule.html> (last reviewed/updated Apr. 1, 2015) (last visited May 20, 2015); Application Review Schedule for Crow Butte Resources Site, <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/uranium-recovery/license-apps/crow-butte/crow-butte-schedule.html> (last reviewed/updated Nov. 7, 2014) (last visited May 20, 2015); and (2) when the draft EA for this proceeding will be made publicly available. Additionally, the Board requests that in next month's status report, and in subsequent status reports, the staff indicate whether there is any change in the estimated date for the issuance of the draft EA as well.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY  
AND LICENSING BOARD

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G. Paul Bollwerk, III, Chairman  
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland

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Crawford, Nebraska )  
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(License Amendment for the North Trend )  
Expansion Area) )

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing **MEMORANDUM AND ORDER (Requesting Additional Status Information)** have been served upon the following persons by Electronic Information Exchange or via Electronic Mail where indicated by an asterisk.

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