

December 15, 2015

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Administrative Judge  
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel  
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In the Matter of  
CROW BUTTE RESOURCES, INC.  
(License Amendment for the North Trend Expansion Project)  
Docket No. 40-8943; ASLBP No. 07-859-03-MLA-BD01

Dear Administrative Judges:

In its Order dated March 5, 2009, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (“Board”) directed the NRC staff (“Staff”) to tender each month a status report advising as to whether the estimated dates for issuance of the final Safety Evaluation Report (“SER”) (predicted for the late summer of 2009) and the final environmental review document (predicted for December of 2009) have changed.<sup>1</sup> On July 26, 2013, the Staff informed the Board and the parties of the public availability of the SER. The SER can be accessed electronically via ADAMS Accession Number ML110820512.

The Staff still expects to be able to issue the final environmental review document by the end of October 2016. In keeping with the Board’s mandate, the Staff will tender its next monthly status report by January 15, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

**Signed (electronically) by**  
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Dated at Rockville, Maryland  
This 15th day of December, 2015

cc: EIE Service List

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<sup>1</sup> Order (Confirming Matters Addressed at March 4, 2009, Telephone Conference) at 1 (March 5, 2009).

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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In-Situ Leach Facility, Crawford, Nebraska	)	
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Expansion Project)	)	

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing "NRC STAFF'S LETTER TO THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD" in the above captioned proceeding have been served this 15th day of December 2015 via the Electronic Information Exchange ("EIE"), and via e-mail to David Frankel, counsel for Consolidated Intervenor, which to the best of my knowledge resulted in transmittal of the foregoing to those on the EIE Service List for the above captioned proceeding.

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