

December 30, 2015

David Pino, Governor
Pueblo of Zia, New Mexico
135 Capitol Square Drive
Zia Pueblo, NM 87053-6013

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL FOR THE INDIRECT TRANSFER OF CONTROL (CHANGE OF CONTROL) OF THE U.S NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION MATERIALS LICENSE NO. SUA-1580, CROWNPOINT URANIUM PROJECT, MCKINLEY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, FROM HYDRO RESOURCES, INC., TO LARAMIDE RESOURCES LTD., OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE COMMENTS AND TO REQUEST A HEARING (TAC NO. L00799)

Dear Governor Pino:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received and is considering approval of an application for indirect transfer of control filed by Uranium Resources, Inc. (URI), on behalf of its wholly-owned subsidiary Hydro Resources, Inc. (HRI), to Laramide Resources Ltd. (Laramide), dated November 27, 2015. The application seeks NRC approval of the indirect transfer (change of control) of NRC Materials License SUA-1580 for the Crownpoint Uranium [*In Situ* Recovery (ISR)]¹ Project from HRI to Laramide. The NRC is notifying you of this action as you may have an interest due to the proximity of the project to Tribal lands.

HRI possess the Crownpoint Uranium Project uranium milling license SUA-1580. The Crownpoint Uranium Project is located in McKinley County, NM and contains four locations, Crownpoint, Unit 1, Churchrock Section 8, and Churchrock Section 17. The Crownpoint Uranium Project has not been constructed and has not operated.

On November 9, 2015, URI entered into a Letter of Intent with Laramide for the sale of NRC licensee HRI to Laramide (proposed transaction). The parties to the proposed transaction have requested that the NRC consent to the proposed indirect transfer of control as being in accordance with Section 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and 10 CFR § 40.46. As a result of the proposed transaction, HRI has also requested an administrative amendment to the License to reflect HRI's new address: 62329 North Star Drive, Montrose, CO 81403.

The application may be found in the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at ML15334A483. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

¹ One of the two primary [recovery methods](#) that are currently used to extract [uranium](#) from ore bodies where they are normally found underground (in other words, *in situ*), without physical excavation. Also known as "solution mining" or [in situ leaching](#).

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In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

The NRC is committed to engaging in a meaningful government-to-government interaction with Tribes and informing Native American communities of the nature of NRC's regulatory activities. Please contact Ron Linton of my staff if you have any questions. Mr. Linton can be reached at 301-415-7777 or via email Ron.Linton@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Andrew Persinko, Acting Director
Division of Decommissioning, Uranium Recovery
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Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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