

February 4, 2016

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SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REVIEW OF
RARE ELEMENT RESOURCES LICENSE APPLICATION FOR THE BEAR
LODGE PROJECT

Dear Mr. Pickarts:

Pursuant to your letter, dated January 21, 2016, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is suspending further review of the source material license application for the Bear Lodge Project submitted to the NRC on May 4, 2015. Your letter stated that the suspension is anticipated to last for approximately 12 months.

However, as noted in our December 22, 2015, telephone conference, Rare Element Resources (RER) should understand that while work on the RER license application is suspended, the NRC staff resources will be assigned to other projects. Should RER later want the NRC staff to resume review of the license application, there may be some delay in restarting work on the RER license application review.

During suspension of the RER application review, there may be some NRC staff work in recording status of its review work, putting the review in a state that will allow efficient restart upon resumption of the review, as well as responding to any inquiries from the public regarding the *Federal Register* notice offering opportunity for a hearing and petition to intervene. RER will not be charged for these activities.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter and other documents associated with this letter are 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>.

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If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Mr. Kenneth Kalman, the NRC Project Manager for the RER Bear Lodge Project. Mr. Kalman can be contacted by email at Kenneth.Kalman@nrc.gov or by telephone at 301-415-6664.

Sincerely,

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