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Mr. Larry Reimann
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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON SCHEDULE OF REVIEW OF LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION
FOR SMITH RANCH HIGHLAND URANIUM IN-SITU RECOVERY FACILITY,
CONVERSE COUNTY, WYOMING

Dear Mr. Reimann:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an update on the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's review schedule of Power Resources, Inc., doing business as Cameco Resources (Cameco), request to renew Smith Ranch Highland Uranium Project source and byproduct materials license SUA-1548. Our previous correspondence on this review, dated November 7, 2017 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML17174A904) identified a target date of January 18, 2018, for Cameco to submit its responses to the NRC staff's request for additional information (RAI). This target date was identified to provide the NRC staff with sufficient time to complete its review and facilitate a smooth transition as the State of Wyoming proceeds with its Agreement State process.

Since the NRC staff's last schedule letter dated November 7, 2017, the NRC staff and Cameco have had several discussions with Cameco to help facilitate development of sufficient RAI responses. Summaries of these public meetings are available in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML17353A793, ML18022A872, and ML18058B183, respectively.

Given that the NRC staff does not have sufficient RAI responses to be able to complete the review, the NRC staff's schedule for completing this review is at great risk. The NRC staff is proceeding with its review, where possible, in an effort to complete the review of your license renewal request prior to the turnover to the State of Wyoming. However, the NRC staff will not be able to complete the review unless sufficient RAI responses are provided expeditiously. If additional discussions are needed as the RAI responses are developed, the NRC staff is available.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* 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>.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Douglas Mandeville at (301) 415-0724 or via e-mail at Douglas.Mandeville@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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