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Attn: Document Control Desk, Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: North Trend Expansion Area Amendment
Source Materials License SUA-1534
Docket Number 40-8943

Dear Director:

On April 2, 2018, Cameco Resources, Crow Butte Operation, received a letter from our Project Manager, Ron Burrows, requesting information on the effect Cameco's announcement of plans to discontinue U.S. operations will have on NRC staff's review of the license amendment application for the North Trend Expansion Area (NTEA). As you know, the uranium market has been significantly depressed for a number of years, and this fact lead to Cameco's decision to suspend production activities at the Crow Butte Operation. Unfortunately, due to the continued depressed market, Cameco has suspended plans to pursue uranium recovery at the NTEA as well. We formally request that NRC staff suspend any review of the license amendment application for the NTEA at this time.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (308) 665-2215 Ext, 117.

Sincerely,
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Walter Nelson
SHEQ Coordinator

cc: Deputy Director, Division of Decommissioning
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