



VIA EMAIL

April 9, 2018

Mr. Kenneth Kalman  
Project Manager  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

RE: Rare Element Resources, Bear Lodge Project; License Application Re-Start Notification: Docket No. 040-38367

Dear Mr. Kalman:

This correspondence is in response to our recent conversations regarding the current suspension and potential restart of the Source Material License for the Bear Lodge Project.

Rare Element Resources requests that the current suspension be extended until September 30, 2019, approximately eighteen additional months. During October 2017, RER successfully acquired additional financing with a significant investor and we have been actively evaluating our plans to advance the project. Our immediate focus is the confirmation and further development of our proprietary process and separation technology for the production of rare earth elements for the production of high strength rare earth magnets. This effort is underway.

We are also in communication with other federal and state regulators to determine the requirements for restart of our permitting processes.

Accordingly, an additional eighteen-month extension of the current suspension is prudent for the completion of the testwork and permitting evaluation.

Should RER consider a formal request to restart the application process during the extension, we understand that a meeting with NRC will be required to inform the NRC of any anticipated changes to the license application and to discuss with agency staff a plan for a smooth and timely path forward including a schedule and detailed estimate of agency costs to complete the review.

We appreciate your patience over the past year. We will keep the NRC informed of our progress over the next several months

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randall J. Scott".

Randall J. Scott  
President and Chief Executive Officer