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Written comments to Nuclear Regulatory Commission hearing October 28, 2019 at Chadron State College Student Center, Docket No. 40-8943-MLA-2; ASLBP No. 13-926-01-MLA-BD01

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Good afternoon,

My name is Debora Cottier and I am the Executive Director of the Northwest Nebraska Development Corporation (NNDC), headquartered in Chadron, NE, but serving all of Dawes County. We have testified often in regards to the efforts of Cameco dba Crow Butte Resources near Crawford, NE to comply with every environmental law placed before them. I believe they have acted in good faith, I must admit I cannot understand the Oglala Sioux Tribe's (the Tribe) ongoing efforts to discredit this process.

NNDC has closely followed the proceedings, and it seems as though the Tribe is unwilling to accept the decisions and renderings of past hearings, licensing requirements and common sense when it applies to their version of the mining effort at Crow Butte. We believe this recent filing is another legal maneuver to drag out the process even further and keep Crow Butte from realizing their plan to acquire a license renewal and permit to mine the proposed land near the existing facilities.

We believe it is time to make a decision, not rehash the same unfounded allegations they have yet to prove, regarding Cameco's actions allegedly causing ground water contamination. As has been stated numerous times previously, the Crow Butte facility leaves the soil in much better condition that it is naturally occurring in that part of Dawes County.

The economic benefits of the employment generated by the mine over the past 20+ years, the important role in the community fabric played by this company and the lack of ANY additional proof of the Tribe's claims make it difficult to see this as anything but a waste of time, and a punitive action against Crow Butte.





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We urge the NRC to see this for what it is, move swiftly to recognize that and allow the license renewal and permit process to be finalized.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deb Cottier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Good afternoon,

Attached are comments I would like to have entered into the official record for the hearing regarding Crow Butte Resources in Crawford, NE

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