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Mr. Ramon Hall
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Uranium Recovery Field Office
Box 25325
Denver, Colorado 80225

RE: SUA-1441

Docket No. 40-8829

Dear Mr. Hall:



Attached is a letter from the Nebraska DEC regarding the release of the Letter of Credit for the Crow Butte R&D Project. I understand that Joel Grimm is near completion of processing the release of the R&D License.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

Stephen P. Collings

Steve Collings

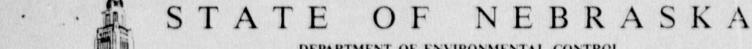
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Mr. Steve Collings 216 16th St. Mall Suite 810 Denver, CO 80202

Dear Mr. Collings:

On March 29, 1990, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Control (NDEC) received irrevocable standby letter of credit number SB9614 from Norwest Bank of Minnesota. The new letter of credit (SB9614) will be used as financial surety against potential restoration and reclamation liabilities of the Crow Butte commercial mining project. My staff has reviewed the basis for establishing the value of the letter of credit and has concluded that this new letter of credit includes the remaining liabilities of the research and development permit NE0114162, which expired on March 11, 1990.

This is to inform you that as of the above date, letter of credit number SB7354 in the sum of \$850,000.00 has been replaced by letter of credit number SB9614. Letter of credit number SB7354 is hereby released.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Bill Gidley of my staff.

Sincerely.

Dennis Grams, P.E.

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