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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE REVIEW, 2022 FINANCIAL SURETY ESTIMATE UPDATE,  
CROW BUTTE RESOURCES, INC.,  
CRAWFORD, NEBRASKA, SOURCE MATERIALS LICENSE, SUA-1534, DOCKET # 040-  
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Dear Mr. Nelson,

By letter dated September 28, 2021 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML21278A037), Cameco Resources Crow Butte Operation submitted the 2022 update to the financial surety estimate for activities at its Crawford, Nebraska, in situ uranium recovery facility. The NRC staff has completed its acceptance review of the surety estimate and has found the estimate acceptable for further detailed technical review. Please note that the complete technical review may identify technical issues that require additional information.

The NRC staff has prepared a schedule for the review of this surety estimate. The schedule shown below is based on several assumptions:

- Timely (i.e., within 60 days) and high quality licensee response to the NRC staff's request for additional information (RAI)
- There are no major modifications (e.g., changes to the status of mine units) to the basis for the surety estimate

<b>NRC Milestones</b>	<b>Projected Completion Date</b>
RAI	March 1, 2022
Issue Verification of Surety Estimate	August 23, 2022

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If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact me at (301) 415-6443 or via e-mail at [Ronald.Burrows@nrc.gov](mailto:Ronald.Burrows@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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