

# **HRI–Crownpoint Uranium Project**

## **Site Location and Project Description**

The proposed Crownpoint Uranium Project is located in McKinley County, New Mexico. The project is located in three different project areas, Section 8 and Section 17, Unit 1, and Crownpoint (Figure 1).

## **Project Licensing and Operating History**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Source Material License SUA–1580 to Hydro Resources, Inc. (HRI) in January 1998 for uranium production at the Crownpoint Uranium Project using the in situ recovery method. The Crownpoint Uranium Project has a license, but no active operations. In August 2002, HRI requested renewal of license SUA-1580. The application was deemed timely filed. After the license was issued in 1998, the NRC’s licensing decision was subject to a lengthy NRC Atomic Safety and Licensing Board review, Commission review, and Federal Court review. All legal reviews were completed in November 2010. In March 2013, HRI submitted an updated Environmental Report (ER) and Consolidated Operations Plan (COP), revision 3.0, to the NRC in support of its request for license renewal. In February 2014, HRI submitted a letter indicating that it was negotiations with the Navajo Nation and would provide updates to the ER and COP by June 2014. On February 5, 2014, and September 16, 2014, HRI requested additional time to complete its discussions with the Navajo Nation Council prior to submitting a revised license renewal application. On November 13, 2014, the NRC staff placed its review of the license renewal application in abeyance until further notice.

On November 27, 2015, Uranium Resources, Inc., (URI) on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiary HRI, and Laramide Resources Ltd. (Laramide), submitted to the NRC an application requesting approval for an indirect change of control of the Crownpoint Uranium Project from URI to Laramide. The transfer was approved by the NRC on March 11, 2016. The transaction closed on January 5, 2017. License SUA-1580, Amendment #4 was issued to Laramide on February 7, 2017.

## **Groundwater Protection and Airborne Effluent and Environmental Monitoring Program**

There is no monitoring program because there are no active operations.

## **Additional Information**

For more information about the proposed Crownpoint Uranium Project, visit the NRC uranium recovery website at <http://www.nrc.gov/info-finder/materials/uranium/> or contact the NRC facility project manager, Ron Linton, at (301) 415-7777 or [ron.linton@nrc.gov](mailto:ron.linton@nrc.gov).

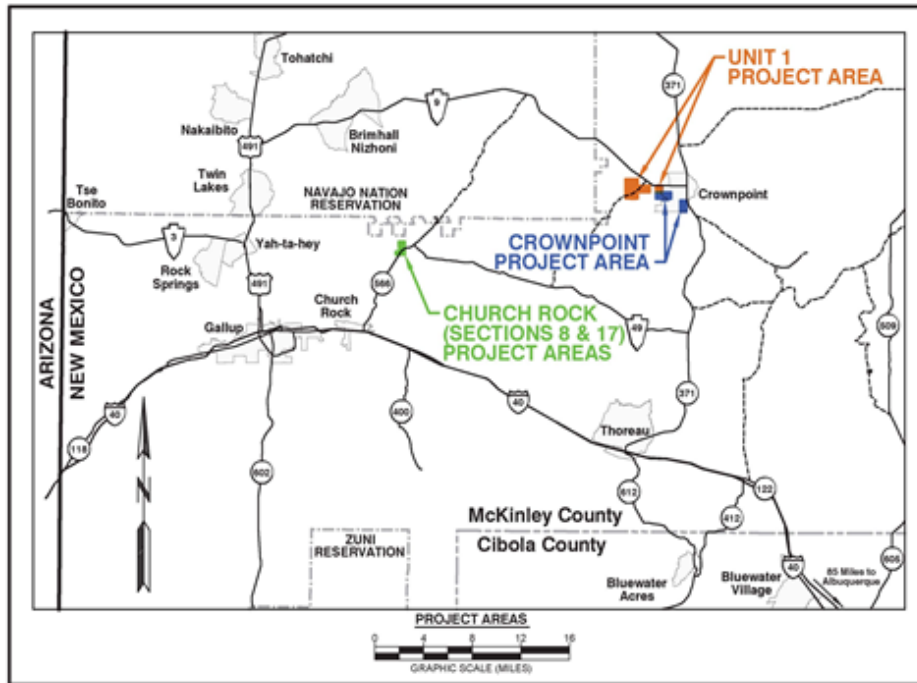


Figure 1. Location of the Crownpoint Uranium Project.