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September 15, 2005

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Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards
c/o Document Control Desk
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington D.C. 20555

Re: Source Materials License SUA-1534
Docket No. 40-8943
Status of Well I723-14

Dear Mr. Janosko:

By letter dated September 1, 2005, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requested that Crow Butte Resources, Inc. (CBR) provide information on the future status of well I723-14, which failed a 10-year mechanical integrity test during the week of July 4, 2005. This failure was previously reported to NRC by CBR¹.

CBR repaired well I723-14 by installing a sleeve in the casing. On August 24, 2005, well I723-14 passed the mechanical integrity test and was returned to operational status. Mining operations in this area of the mine are complete, but well I723-14 will be used in the future for groundwater restoration activities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (308) 665-2215, extension 116.

Sincerely,
CROW BUTTE RESOURCES, INC.

Michael L. Griffin
Manager of Health, Safety, and Environmental Affairs

¹ Letter to M. Linder, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality from M. Griffin, Crow Butte Resources, July 18, 2005.

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