

July 11, 2007

Mr. Steve Anschutz
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE ON THE DETERMINATION OF NO
EFFECTS ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES FOR THE CROW BUTTE
RESOURCES, INC. PLANT UPGRADE PROJECT, CRAWFORD, NEBRASKA
(TAC J00509)

Dear Mr. Anschutz:

Crow Butte Resources, Inc. (CBR) applied for a license amendment to upgrade its central processing plant from 5,000 gallons per minute (gpm) to 9,000 gpm by adding ion exchange (IX) columns and ancillary equipment to accommodate the new flow. This work would occur at its Crawford, Nebraska *in-situ* leach (ISL) facility (see attached map). The additional equipment would be housed within the existing plant building; therefore, no new construction outside the plant building would occur.

After a review of the potential impacts of the proposed action, we have determined that the proposed action will not adversely impact endangered or threatened species. The supporting basis for this conclusion is enclosed. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff requests your concurrence with this determination that the proposed action does not adversely affect any endangered or threatened species. If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-7182 or, by e-mail, at sjc7@nrc.gov.

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Sincerely,

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Licensing Directorate
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and Environmental Protection
Office of Federal and State Materials
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Enclosures: 1. Draft Environmental Assessment
2. Site Location Map