

October 4, 2007

Mr. John Cochnar  
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SUBJECT: CENTRAL PROCESSING PLANT UPGRADE ENVIRONMENTAL  
ASSESSMENT, CROW BUTTE RESOURCES, INC., DAWES COUNTY,  
NEBRASKA, SOURCE MATERIALS LICENSE SUA-1534

Dear Mr. Cochnar:

By letter dated September 28, 2007, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) transmitted its comments regarding the environmental assessment (EA) for the central processing plant upgrade at Crow Butte Resources, Inc., Crawford, Dawes County, Nebraska. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has reviewed your comments and note that FWS found no impacts to endangered species, Bald and Golden Eagles, migratory birds, or wildlife refuges. However, FWS requested certain information regarding migratory birds.

FWS requested the following information prior to construction:

1. A copy of any survey(s) for migratory birds done in conjunction with the proposed project.
2. Written description of any avoidance measures implemented at the proposed project site to avoid the take of migratory birds.
3. Written description of any circumstances where it has been determined by the project proponent that one or more active bird nests cannot be avoided by the planned construction activities.

None of the above requested information was collected because all construction activities will occur with the existing buildings. No construction will occur in areas that are currently undisturbed. Therefore, impacts to migratory birds or migratory bird habitat are unlikely, and there is no need to collect this information for this particular project.

Thank you for reviewing the subject EA, and if you have any further questions, please contact me at 301-415-7182 or, by email, at [sjc7@nrc.gov](mailto:sjc7@nrc.gov).

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