

April 15, 2014

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In the Matter of
CROW BUTTE RESOURCES, INC.
(License Renewal for the In Situ Leach Facility, Crawford, Nebraska)
Docket No. 40-8943; ASLBP No. 08-867-02-OLA-BD01

Dear Administrative Judges:

In its Order dated January 8, 2009, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board ("Board") directed the NRC staff ("Staff"), commencing on January 15, 2009, to tender each month "a short report advising as to whether the estimated dates for issuance of the final [Safety Evaluation Report ('SER')] (predicted for summer/fall of 2009) and final [environmental review document] (predicted for December of 2009) have changed or become more definitive."

On January 2, 2013, the Staff informed the Board and the parties of the public availability of the SER. The SER can be accessed electronically via ADAMS Accession Number ML103470470.

Consistent with the Staff's status update submitted March 14, 2014, the Staff still estimates that it will be able to issue the final environmental review document by the end of April 2014. Should the Staff be unable to do so, the Staff will provide a status update on April 30, 2014, notifying the Board and parties of the status of the environmental review document.

Respectfully submitted,

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This 15th day of April, 2014

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing "NRC STAFF'S LETTER TO THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD" in the above captioned proceeding have been served this 15th day of April 2014 via the NRC's Electronic Information Exchange ("EIE"), and via e-mail to David Frankel, counsel for Consolidated Intervenor, which to the best of my knowledge resulted in transmittal of the foregoing to those on the EIE Service List for the above captioned proceeding.

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