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Mr. Brent Berg, President
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APR 10 2015

RE: 2015 Surety Estimate, North Trend Expansion Area
NDEQ ID: 91136
Prog. ID: UIC NE0210740

Dear Mr. Berg:

On March 24, 2015, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) received a letter requesting release of the financial surety bond for the North Trend Expansion Area (NTEA, NE0210740). On October 2, 2014, NDEQ received a submittal from CBR for the 2015 Surety Estimate for NTEA of \$0. As stated in Part IX, Section C, the permit for NTEA will become invalid if financial surety is not maintained by Crow Butte Resources, Inc. (CBR) for NTEA.

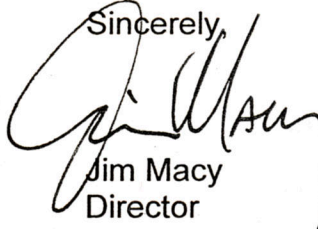
NDEQ records indicate that CBR has completed abandonment of all perimeter wells constructed at NTEA. NDEQ understands that these wells were constructed as part of the pre-mining activities at NTEA and that no in-situ recovery mining of uranium has been conducted at NTEA.

NDEQ is proposing that the financial surety requirements be lowered from \$10,000 to \$500. A public notice must be issued by NDEQ prior to releasing any financial surety. A \$500 bond would be sufficient to maintain financial surety and cover the costs associated with issuing a public notice to release the financial surety bond.

The financial surety for NTEA will be required to be reviewed and updated on an annual basis. CBR will be required to provide an updated surety estimate to NDEQ for review and approval prior to conducting any exploratory, pre-mining, or mining activities at NTEA. NDEQ may also require updated information, such as an inventory of wells, prior to approving financial surety.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this letter or the review of the Surety Cost Estimate document, please contact Nancy Harris of my staff at (402) 471-4290.

Sincerely,



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