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My statement is attached.

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Administrative Judge Michael M. Gibson, Chairman
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Washington D.C. 20555-001

Dear Sirs;

I am writing to comment on The matter of Crow Butte Resources, INC. Docket No. 40-8943, ASLBP No. 08-867-02-OLA-BD01.

I am a landholder in the mining area. The processing plant of Crow Butte Resources Inc. was on our land until we sold the land to them in December of 2010. The plant has operated near our farmstead since 1990 with a pilot plant in operation before then.

Monitor wells in the mining aquifer and in the drinking water aquifers have been in place since that time. There has never been a report of the mining fluids in the monitor wells surrounding the mining area. The State of Nebraska observes sample collections and the State of Nebraska gets split samples from each test. To date there has never been an excursion of the mining fluids in to the surrounding aquifers.

In contention "A", this supports the NRCC Staff conclusion that non radiological impacts for possible excursions are small. If the excursions have not moved a few hundred feet in 25 years, how can they affect the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation 50 miles distance.

In my dealings with Crow Butte Resources Inc. and their predecessors, they have always been conscientious about mining in a safe and effective manner. They have always employed many local people many of whom are land owners. Those employers would be outspoken if the mining was not done properly according to the regulations. I have personally visited with many of those employees who are also landlords and they believe the mining is done properly and safely.

I was born and raised in the mine area and my grandfather homesteaded the land I still own at 742 Squaw Creek Road. I am a graduate engineer so I understand the basics of hydrology and insitu mining.

I agree with the NRC Staff that the impact of surface waters from an accident is minimal as I am also familiar with runoff events in the area and the measures made to prevent runoff.

Sincerely,

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