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In the Matter of  
CROW BUTTE RESOURCES, INC.  
(Marsland Expansion Area)  
Docket No. 40-8943-MLA-2; ASLBP No. 13-926-01-MLA-BD01

Dear Administrative Judges:

In a Memorandum and Order issued February 11, 2016,<sup>1</sup> the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board ("Board") ordered the NRC staff to provide a status report, no later than April 29, 2016, concerning its acceptance review of the applicant's responses to requests for additional information (RAIs) related to health physics. The staff hereby informs the Board that it has completed that acceptance review and has found the health physics RAI responses contained in the 2015 update to the Marsland Expansion Area Technical Report sufficient to perform the staff's detailed technical review.

At this point, the staff still expects to issue the draft environmental assessment (EA) by August 31, 2016, and the final EA and safety evaluation report by November 30, 2016. Should there be any changes to this schedule, the staff will inform the Board promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland  
this 27th day of April, 2016.

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<sup>1</sup> Memorandum and Order (Revised General Schedule) at 10 (February 11, 2016) (unpublished).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing "NRC Staff Letter to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board" in the above-captioned proceeding have been served via the Electronic Information Exchange ("EIE"), the NRC's E-Filing System, this 27th day of April, 2016, 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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