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Randall Scott, President/Chief Executive Officer
Rare Element Resources
P.O. Box 271049
Littleton, CO 80127

SUBJECT: RETURN OF RARE ELEMENT RESOURCES SOURCE MATERIAL LICENSE
APPLICATION FOR THE BEAR LODGE PROJECT

Dear Mr. Scott,

By letter dated January 21, 2016, (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML17012A114) Mr. Jaye Pickarts, Chief Operating Officer for Rare Element Resources (RER) requested that NRC temporarily suspend work on the RER license application and noted that the suspension was anticipated to last for approximately 12 months. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff responded by letter dated February 4, 2016 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16032A140) stating that it was suspending its review of the license application.

Since then, the NRC has not received any request from RER to resume the license application review. In order to provide clear licensing history, and make efficient use of Agency resources, the NRC staff will return the RER license application unless RER notifies the NRC, in writing and within 60 days of this letter, that it wants NRC to resume reviewing the license application. As noted in our February 4, 2016 letter:

"While work on the RER license application is suspended, NRC staff resources will be assigned to other projects. Should RER later want the NRC staff to resume review of the license application, there may be some delay in restarting work on the RER license application review."

If the application is returned or withdrawn and RER decides at a later date that it wants NRC to resume work on the Bear Lodge Project, RER will be required to submit a new license application.

In accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 2.390 of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

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If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Mr. Kenneth Kalman, the NRC Project Manager for the RER Bear Lodge Project. Mr. Kalman can be contacted by email at kenneth.kalman@nrc.gov or by telephone at 301-415-6664.

Sincerely,

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