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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**
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MEMORANDUM TO: Michael C. Hay, Director
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SUBJECT: HYDRO RESOURCES, INC. – CROWNPOINT URANIUM
PROJECT

In August 2018, Region IV staff performed a self-assessment of the Region IV uranium recovery inspection program. During the self-assessment, it was identified that no documentation had been generated by Region IV inspectors explaining the rationale for not performing inspections at Crownpoint after the NRC license for uranium recovery operations had been re-issued on February 7, 2017 (ADAMS Accession Number ML16067A087).

Based on the self-assessment, a corrective action was initiated to directly contact the licensee and confirm Region IV's understanding that no construction activities, pre-operational activities, or NRC-licensed activities had occurred since the license was issued. This initial corrective action was documented in a memorandum to the Director of DNMS dated November 19, 2018 (ADAMS Accession No. ML18297A340).

The Material Licensing and Decommissioning Branch committed to annually contacting the site and reviewing the site status with the licensee and the NRC Project Manager. To plan for the upcoming inspection year, Region IV staff contacted the licensee, and the licensee confirmed via email dated October 1, 2019, that no activities have occurred since February 7, 2017, when the license was re-issued. Based on this confirmation, the NRC concluded that the licensee had not initiated any activities that would have warranted an NRC inspection for calendar year 2020 as described in MC 2641.

The site will be listed in the Master Inspection Plan as a reminder to perform and document this annual status evaluation. Inspections of the site will be initiated once the NRC Project Manager and the licensee indicate that construction, pre-operational or licensed activities are planned or have commenced at the site.

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