

**CROW BUTTE RESOURCES, INC.**  
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Mr. Joseph J. Holonich, Chief  
High Level Waste and Uranium  
Recovery Projects Branch  
Division of Waste Management, NMSS (T-7-J9)  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
11545 Rockville Pike  
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RE: License No. SUA-1534  
Docket No. 40-8943

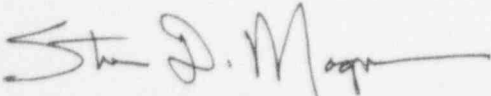
Dear Mr. Holonich:

Enclosed is a copy of the Crow Butte Mine, 1996 Pond Inspection Report as required by NRC license condition no. 53 of SUA-1534. The pond inspection report contains a technical evaluation of the hydraulic capacities and structural stability of the pond embankments.

The annual inspection was conducted in accordance with the Evaporation Pond Inspection Program dated December 1992 ( Revised February 26, 1993, August 30, 1993 and February 5, 1996).

If you have any questions regarding the inspection report, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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