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Mr. Joseph Holonich, Chief
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
11545 Rockville Pike
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Re: Docket No. 40-8943
License No. SUA-1534

Dear Mr. Holonich:

Crow Butte Resources, Inc. (CBR) requests to amend License Condition No. 51 to revise its submittal dated November 1, 1993, Groundwater Restoration Plan. The revised plan eliminates the requirement for sampling restoration wells at the cessation of mining to establish post mining water quality in a mine unit. The establishment of post mining water quality prior to restoration activities was a Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) permit requirement and is in the process of being changed. The post mining water quality is similar to the water quality injected during the mining process. The revised plan will make the USNRC restoration plan consistent with the revised NDEQ requirements.

Minor changes were also made to the plan based on operating experience in commercial operations. The primary goal of restoration activities remains the same, to return ground water quality on a mine unit average, to baseline conditions. The secondary goal is to return the ground water to a quality consistent with premining use.

If you have any questions regarding the revised Groundwater Restoration Plan, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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