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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 (ADAMS Accession Number ML16067A087). 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. As a result of 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.

The Material Licensing and Decommissioning Branch annually contacts the site and reviews the site status with the licensee and the NRC Project Manager. To plan for the upcoming 2021 inspection year, MLDB staff recently contacted the licensee. The licensee confirmed via email dated June 9, 2020 (ADAMS ML20161A399), 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 2021, as described in MC 2641.

The site will be included 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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