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In the Matter of
CROW BUTTE RESOURCES, INC.
(License Renewal for the In Situ Leach Facility, Crawford, Nebraska)
Docket No. 40-8943; ASLBP No. 08-867-02-OLA-BD01

Dear Administrative Judges,

In its Partial Initial Decision (LBP-16-7) issued May 26, 2016, the Board directed the NRC Staff to submit monthly status reports updating the Board and parties as to the status of the Staff's curative actions in response to the Board's resolution of Contention 1.

On May 11 and 12, 2022, the Staff provided copies of the Oglala Sioux Tribe's unredacted survey report to counsel for Consolidated Intervenor (CI) pursuant to the Protective Order. On May 13, Mr. Reid, counsel for the Tribe, provided a list of additional proposed redactions, and also informed Staff counsel that the report required minor editorial corrections. On May 24, Mr. Reid provided a final, corrected version of the Tribe's report to the Staff.¹ The Staff is working with Mr. Reid to prepare a redacted version of the report (based on the corrected version) to be placed in public ADAMS.

On May 25, 2022, the Staff provided Crow Butte Resources with clarification questions related to the Staff's environmental review. The questions are publicly available in ADAMS at ML22151A134.

The Staff continues to work on preparing the draft EA Supplement. The Staff now expects to complete the initial draft for the Tribe's review in mid to late June.

¹ The unredacted corrected version of the report has been placed in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) as a non-public document. The ADAMS Accession Number is ML22151A243. Staff counsel has provided counsel for CI and Crow Butte Resources with the final, corrected report under the Protective Order.

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The Staff will submit its next monthly status report by July 1, 2022, in accordance with the Board's mandate.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed (electronically) by

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing "NRC STAFF'S LETTER TO THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD" in the above captioned proceeding have been served this 1st day of June 2022, via the NRC's Electronic Information Exchange ("EIE"), which to the best of my knowledge resulted in transmittal of the foregoing to those on the EIE Service List for the above captioned proceeding.

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