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Good afternoon, Tom and David,

The NRC staff has prepared a draft Supplement to the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the renewal of source materials license number SUA-1534 for the Crow Butte Resources, Inc. (CBR) in situ uranium recovery facility in Crawford (Dawes County), Nebraska. This draft Supplement expands upon the cultural resources analysis from the original EA, available at Agencywide Documents and Access Management System (ADAMS) ML14288A517. The draft Supplement describes the NRC staff's efforts to address the deficiencies identified in the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's partial initial decision (LBP-16-7), which found that the NRC staff did not meet its identification obligations under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and was deficient under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) "for failing to take a hard look at potential TCPs [traditional cultural properties] within the Crow Butte license area[.]" Specifically, the draft Supplement describes the methodology, implementation, and results of a 2021 tribal cultural survey to identify sites of significance to the Tribe within the CBR license area; the NRC staff's evaluation of the identified sites according to the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP); and the NRC staff's assessment of potential impacts of the license renewal on the identified sites under the NHPA (for sites eligible for the NRHP) or NEPA (for other sites of significance to the Tribe).

An electronic copy of the draft Supplement is attached and available in ADAMS, which is accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/readingrm/adams.html> (ML22223A161). A Notice of Availability of the draft Supplement will be placed in the *Federal Register*. The 30-day public comment period ends on Monday, September 26, 2022.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.8(c)(2), we are requesting comments on the draft Supplement and the NRC staff's preliminary conclusions. Electronic comments on the draft Supplement may be submitted to the NRC by accessing <https://www.regulations.gov/> and searching for Docket ID NRC-2022-0153 or by email to [CrowButte-LicRenSEA@nrc.gov](mailto:CrowButte-LicRenSEA@nrc.gov). Written comments should be submitted by mail to the NRC at:

ATTN: Program Management, Announcements  
and Editing Staff Office of Administration  
Mail Stop: TWFN-7A60M  
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Additionally, the NRC staff shared a preliminary draft of the EA Supplement with the Oglala Sioux Tribe. The Tribe's comments on the Supplement are also attached to this email for your awareness. The Tribe has relayed that its comments do not contain any confidential information, but because the document is not yet publicly available, please do not distribute it to parties outside of this proceeding.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Jean Trefethen.

Thank you,

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