



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

February 9, 2023

The Honorable John A. Barrasso
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Barrasso:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your January 9, 2023, letter requesting that the NRC promptly review the license application submitted by Rare Element Resources to possess naturally occurring radioactive material resulting from domestic rare earth element processing.

The NRC staff is currently conducting its detailed technical review of the application. The staff anticipates completing the safety and environmental reviews and making a licensing decision by July 2023. This projected completion date is based on the staff receiving sufficient and timely responses to any requests for additional information. If additional information is required for completing the review, the staff plans to send the request in an expeditious manner and will continue to keep Rare Element Resources informed as it proceeds through its review.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me, or have your staff contact Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Hanson

Identical letter sent to:

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The Honorable Cynthia M. Lummis
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