

November 3, 2023

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To: Tim Cazier, DRMS

CC: Jeffrey Parsons [jeff@parsonslawoffice.com](mailto:jeff@parsonslawoffice.com)

Regarding: Supplemental Information to Objection on Permit P2023015 filed July 18, 2023, by Skip Blades

Mr. Cazier,

I am writing to provide supplemental information regarding my objection to the prospecting permit Tallahassee Resources Exploration - P2023015 by Tallahassee LLC, parent company Okapi Resources, Inc. Specifically, the supplemental information pertains to my objection during public comment on July 18, 2023, that "Uranium drilling has taken place previously in this area with clearly reported results."

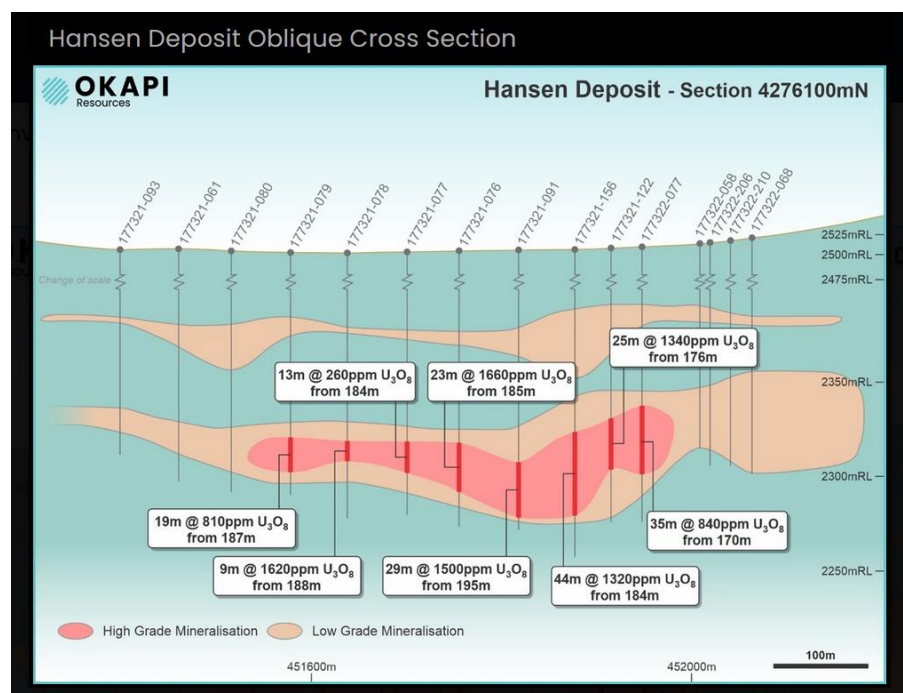
The proposed drilling by Tallahassee Resources Exploration P2023015 is within the Hansen Uranium Deposit. Uranium explorational drilling has taken place several times since the 50's with a reported 1400+ exploratory holes being drilled. Okapi Resources acquired 51% of the interest in the Hansen Uranium Deposit in July of 2022 (referenced <https://www.miningweekly.com/article/okapi-takes-an-option-over-hansen-in-the-us-2022-07-12>)

As referenced in 2015-12-02\_REVISION - P2009025 - DRMS remand letter (Attached Appendix A), the previous prospecting permit application within the Hansen Uranium Deposit, P2009025, in 2015 by Black Range Minerals was denied by the Colorado Mined Reclamation Board ("Board"). All documents from Hansen Uranium Project; DRMS NOI File No. P2009025 are incorporated by reference into my objection. I am very surprised to learn the Colorado Mined Reclamation Board ("Board") rejected Black Range Minerals permit during the October 28, 2015 hearing. During that hearing, the Board determined activities proposed in the third NOI Modification (MD-03) application constitute a "mining operation" as that term is defined by the Act, thereby reversing the decision of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) to approve MD-03. The Board Order remanded MD-03 to the Division "to require submission of a reclamation permit application" for the proposed activities. Therefore, if Black Range Minerals intends to pursue the activities proposed in MD-03, a mine reclamation permit application must be submitted and approved by the Division prior to engaging in those activities.

I was further surprised to learn that Tim Cazier DRMS and Tim Brown – Tallahassee LLC participated in the Black Range Minerals permit application and should understand that a mining reclamation permit is what is required for the Hansen Uranium Deposit.

Okapi Resources has a very clear understanding of the uranium deposit from the previous drilling activity and has acknowledged that there is a “rich bank of exploration data”. From Okapi Resources Website “Uranium mineralization was first discovered in the Tallahassee Creek area in 1954. Between 1954 and 1972 sixteen small open pit and underground mines operated, with total production of approximately 80,000 tonnes of ore at an average grade of 2,500ppm  $U_3O_8$ , for 435,000 pounds  $U_3O_8$ . More than 2,200 holes have been drilled in the district for more than 350,000m which provides a rich bank of exploration data.

Okapi Resources provides exploration details on the Hansen Uranium deposit that further supports they have information that proves minerals are in existence.



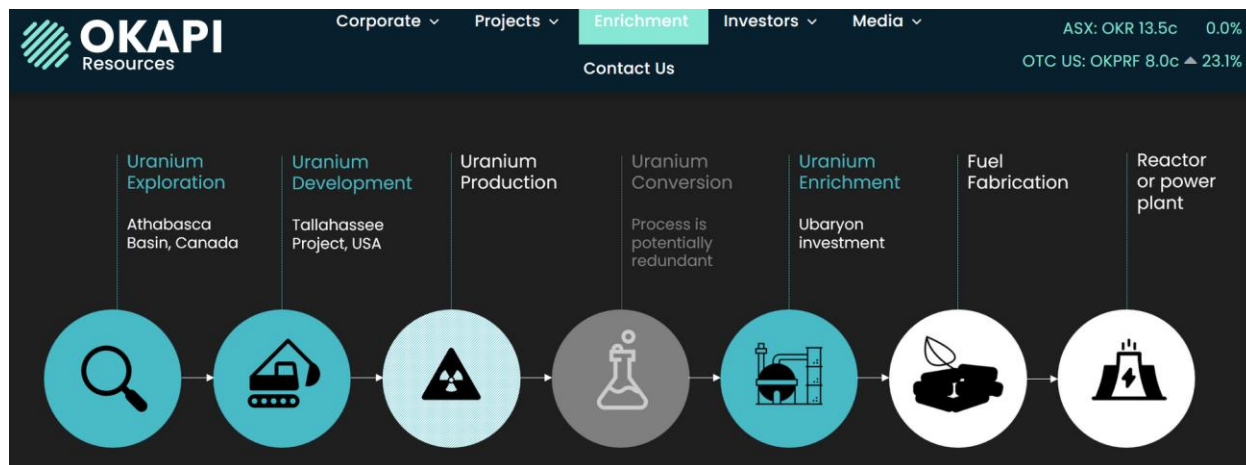
Referenced <https://okapiresources.com/projects/tallahassee-uranium-project/>

The MLRA definition of “development” should be given effect by DRMS. I urge the DRMS to consider the entirety of the definition and give effect to each of the provisions enacted by the legislature, including the inclusion in the “development” definition of activities aimed at “defining further the ore deposit by drilling or other means, conducting pilot plant operations....and other related activities.”

For the DRMS’s benefit, the entire definition as set forth in the Act provides: “Development” means the work performed in relation to a deposit, following the prospecting required to prove minerals are in existence in commercial quantities but prior to production activities, aimed at,

but not limited to, preparing the site for mining, defining further the ore deposit by drilling or other means, conducting pilot plant operations, constructing roads or ancillary facilities, and other related activities.

Okapi Resources knows uranium is present at the Hansen Uranium Deposit and is requesting the prospecting permit to determine the commercial quantities to enhance their story to investors. This is clearly not an exploration project, but a development project. On the Okapi Resources website, they classify the deposit as development and not exploration.



Referenced <https://okapiresources.com/uranium-enrichment/#>

The Hansen Uranium Mine has been explored for over 60 years. The Board ruled in the Hansen Uranium Project; DRMS NOI File No. P2009025 that the area has been “explored” and any other drilling activities are considered Development and requires a mining reclamation permit. Okapi Resources acknowledges they have a large amount of data from prior extensive drilling activities available to them. They also acknowledge the project is in the Development phase on their website. Please deny the prospect permit and require them to apply for a mining reclamation permit.

Thanks,

Skip Blades



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December 2, 2015

Mr. Patrick C. Siglin  
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**Re: Hansen Uranium Project; DRMS NOI File No. P-2009-025;  
Notice of Remanded Decision NOI Modification 3 (MD-03)**

Dear Mr. Siglin:

On November 17, 2015 the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board (Board) issued its Board Order stating their conclusion arrived upon during the October 28, 2015 Hearing. During that Hearing, the Board determined activities proposed in the third NOI Modification (MD-03) application constitute a "mining operation" as that term is defined by the Act, thereby reversing the decision of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) to approve MD-03. The Board Order remanded MD-03 to the Division "to require submission of a reclamation permit application" for the proposed activities. Therefore, if Black Range Minerals intends to pursue the activities proposed in MD-03, a mine reclamation permit application must be submitted and approved by the Division prior to engaging in those activities.

Regarding the revised estimated liability amount of \$176,936.00 stated in the Division's July 27, 2015 Notice of Decision letter, please do not submit any additional bond related to MD-03 at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact me (303-866-3567 ext. 8169).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Timothy A. Cazier'.

Timothy A. Cazier, P.E.  
Environmental Protection Specialist

cc: Tony Waldron, DRMS  
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**Permit P2023015 - Objection Supplemental**

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Sun, Nov 5, 2023 at 4:08 PM

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Cc: Jeffrey Parsons &lt;jeff@parsonslawoffice.com&gt;, Skip Blades - Guidewires Systems Integrator &lt;skip.blades@gmail.com&gt;

Hello Tim,

Please find attached, supplemental information to my objection of Permit P20232015. It includes very pertinent information that should be considered with my objection. I appreciate your consideration.

Skip Blades

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**From:** Cazier - DNR, Tim <tim.cazier@state.co.us>**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2023 2:19 PM**To:** Skip Blades <skip.blades@gmail.com>**Subject:** Re: Mailing address

Hi Skip,

We'll email you our decision letter.

Thanks for checking in.

Tim Cazier, P.E. (he / him)

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On Fri, Nov 3, 2023 at 8:34 AM Skip Blades <[skip.blades@gmail.com](mailto:skip.blades@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hello Tim,

I want to let you know that my mailing address is different than my address at STB.

My mailing address is 8441 Wild Timber Drive, Franktown CO. 80116.

Will the notice of decision be emailed or mailed? I plan on appealing and don't want to miss the 5 day window because of delivery delay. Thanks Skip

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