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NRC EXTENDS COMMENT PERIOD ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT ON PROPOSED NEW MEXICO PROJECT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is extending the period for public comment on its draft environmental impact statement on the proposal by Hydro Resources, Inc., to construct and operate the Crownpoint Uranium Solution Mining Project in New Mexico.

The project would be located near the towns of Church Rock and Crownpoint, in McKinley County northeast of Gallup.

The NRC, in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, issued the draft environmental impact statement last November 14. The period for public comment was to close officially on January 14. The NRC is extending the public comment period until February 28.

A free copy of the draft environmental impact statement (which has been assigned the identification number "NUREG-1508") may be obtained by writing to the NRC Publications Section, Attention: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 37082, Washington, DC 20013-7082. A copy is also available for copying at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to the Chief, High-Level Waste and Uranium Recovery Projects Branch, Division of Waste Management, Mail Stop TWFN 7-J9, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

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