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NRC SCHEDULES MEETING SEPTEMBER 17
IN BLANDING, UTAH

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a public meeting September 17 in Blanding, Utah, to discuss regulatory oversight of the International Uranium Corporation's nearby White Mesa uranium mill.

The meeting will be at the San Juan County Library, 25 W. 300 South Street, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

White Mesa is an NRC-licensed mill that produces uranium for commercial nuclear power plants. The focus of the meeting will be on NRC oversight of the mill, with particular emphasis on how NRC will evaluate any future applications from International Uranium to process uranium-bearing material other than natural ores, from off-site locations.

All feedstock processed at White Mesa has come from off-site locations, including company-owned mines at other sites. After these materials are processed to extract uranium, the company adds the leftover material to the mill tailings piles located on the site. International Uranium will be required to clean up and stabilize the tailings after milling operations cease permanently.

The September meeting is not related to the legal proceeding before an NRC Atomic Safety and Licensing Board judge on the license amendment that NRC issued to International Uranium to allow the receipt and processing at White Mesa of uranium-bearing material from a site near Tonawanda, New York.

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