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AVAILABILITY OF REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY (RIS) 2004-09, "STATUS ON DEFERRAL OF ACTIVE REGULATION OF GROUND-WATER PROTECTION AT *IN SITU* LEACH URANIUM EXTRACTION FACILITIES" (STP-04-046)

On June 7, 2004 the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2004-09, "Status on Deferral of Active Regulation of Ground-Water Protection at *In situ* Leach Uranium Extraction Facilities," to inform addressees and other interested parties of (1) NRC's plans for the deferral of active regulation of ground-water protection at *in situ* leach (ISL) uranium extraction facilities; and (2) the comments received in response to RIS 2004-02 on this topic. This RIS supersedes RIS 2004-02 in its entirety. No specific action or written response is required.

The RIS summarizes the process that the NRC plans to use to assure that Environmental Protection Agency-authorized States' ground-water protection programs provide adequate protection of public health and safety, and the environment, equivalent to the NRC program. The NRC plans to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to defer active regulation of licensing and inspection activities for ground-water protection with those States whose ground-water protection programs are determined to be equivalent to that of NRC's, and provide adequate protection of public health and safety, and the environment.

Electronic copies of RIS 2004-09 are available on the internet at

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/gen-comm/reg-issues/2004/ri200409.pdf>

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