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ALL RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM DIRECTORS

**OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR R.M.D. OPERATIONS, LLC.'S (RMD) LICENSE APPLICATION FOR A URANIUM WATER TREATMENT PROGRAM (RCPD-06-024)**

**Purpose:** To provide an opportunity to comment\* on the EA for RMD's license application for a uranium water treatment program. The EA is predecisional, and as such should not be disclosed outside the relevant State agency without prior NRC permission. The timeframe for this comment period is 45 days from the issuance of this letter. Any comments on the EA should be submitted to Michael Raddatz, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, telephone (301) 415-6334, e-mail, [mgr@nrc.gov](mailto:mgr@nrc.gov).

**Background:** To provide all States the EA for the proposed NRC license for RMD's uranium water treatment program. In 2000, the Environmental Protection Agency promulgated a final uranium MCL of 30 µg/L or 30 ppb and imposed strict deadlines for compliance. The rule requires that municipalities and Community Water Systems (CWSs), now estimated at 1000 to 2000, must comply with these new requirements by 2007. In response to this new MCL, RMD requested a performance-based multi-site license for a uranium water treatment program for removing uranium from municipalities and CWSs, storing uranium residuals in a self-contained uranium removal system (URS), and to assure safe and secure final disposition of such uranium residuals. Agreement State programs may find this document helpful as a basis for processing any licenses by RMD or other licensees in their State seeking to remove uranium from CWSs.

**NRC Point of Contact:** If you have any questions regarding the EA, contact Michael Raddatz, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, telephone (301) 415-6334, e-mail, [mgr@nrc.gov](mailto:mgr@nrc.gov).

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If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me or the individual named below.

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