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On behalf of Ur-Energy USA Inc, I would like to express my appreciation to the NRC staff for their consideration of adopting a Generic Environmental Impact Statement for Uranium mining and milling facilities. My name is Wayne Heili, and I am the Vice President of Mining for Ur-Energy. I have been involved in conventional Uranium Milling and ISR Uranium Mining for nearly 20 years.

Ur-Energy is actively developing license application documents for a new ISR facility in Wyoming with the expectation of submitting the application to the NRC later this year. If market conditions remain favorable, it is likely Ur-Energy would be submitting applications for additional facilities in the coming years. With current activities centered around licensing, Ur-Energy has a full appreciation of the rigorous nature of the regulatory requirements for modern uranium recovery facilities.

Ur-Energy strongly supports this GEIS initiative. We believe that an Industry-wide Standard Environmental Impact Statement can be a comprehensive and robust document that fully addresses all of the foreseeable environmental impacts of this growing yet mature industry. Ur-Energy is committed to ensuring the GEIS rigorously addresses the common environmental aspects and impacts of the ISR facilities.

While supporting the GEIS effort, Ur-Energy also recognizes that each facility will have unique aspects that will require site-specific review. Ur-Energy believes that with a broad based environmental report in-place, the regulatory community and the public will be "enabled" to better focus on reviewing the critical site-specific aspects of the application. The end result will be a more-efficient and more-thorough license application review process with ample opportunity for public involvement.

Thank you again, for your time and consideration of these comments.