



# **The Uranium Recovery Generic Environmental Impact Statement**

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## **OBJECTIVES**

- **Background**
- **Stakeholder Issues**
- **Approach**
- **Addressing Stakeholder Issues**
- **Path Forward**



## **BACKGROUND**

- **Situation**
- **Basis: CEQ Regulations**
  - “Broad Actions” [40 CFR 1502.4(a) – (d)]
  - Tiering [40 CFR 1502.20 and 1508.28]
- **Notice of Intent (July 24, 2007)**
- **Scoping Period (July 24 – November 30, 2007)**



## **ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY STAKEHOLDERS**

- **Affected environment and environmental impacts are not generic**
- **Site-specific environmental reviews will be cursory**
- **Public participation will be limited in site-specific environmental reviews**



## **APPROACH**

- **Describe and evaluate environmental impacts from in-situ leach uranium recovery process**
- **For site-specific environmental documents**
  - **Incorporate by reference GEIS background information**
  - **Apply GEIS conclusions to the extent applicable**



## **APPROACH (continued)**

- **Describe affected environment and evaluate impacts on a regional basis**
- **4 regions identified**
- **Address environmental resource areas identified in NUREG-1748**



## **ADDRESSING STAKEHOLDER ISSUES**

- **Regional approach to assessing environmental impacts**
- **Comprehensive site-specific reviews that apply GEIS conclusions as applicable**
- **NRC commitment to issue draft EAs for public comment**



## **PATH FORWARD**

- **Issue draft GEIS for public comment**
- **Hold meetings to receive public comments**
- **Address public comments in preparation of final GEIS**
- **Issue final GEIS**





# QUESTIONS

