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Governor Dave Freudenthal  
State of Wyoming

TO:

Chairman Klein

FOR SIGNATURE OF :

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Chairman Klein

DESC:

ROUTING:

In Situ Recovery Uranium Mining  
(EDATS: SECY-2008-0524)

Borchardt  
Virgilio  
Mallett  
Ash  
Ordaz  
Cyr/Burns  
Collins, RIV  
Cyr, OGC  
Bagley, OEDO

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CONTACT:

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**Signature Level:** Chairman Klein

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AUTHOR: Dave Freudenthal  
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ADDRESSEE:  
SUBJECT: Concerns applications for In Situ Recovery (ISR) uranium mining operations ~~operations~~ and  
NRC's use of a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS)

ACTION: Signature of Chairman  
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## Office of the Governor

September 3, 2008

The Honorable Dale E. Klein, Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Mail Stop O-16G4  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Chairman Klein,

It has come to my attention that you have received three license applications for In Situ Recovery (ISR) uranium mining operations from Wyoming companies. I am told that you have included these applications in a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) despite the early wishes of at least one of these companies. You apparently gave the companies assurances that the process would move forward in a timely manner with an issue date of January 2009 for the GEIS.

As you know, Wyoming is the major domestic producer of uranium. With the increased use of nuclear power across the globe and a serious reconsideration of nuclear power in this country, uranium is once again taking on the mantle of a strategic energy resource. It is certainly an important one to Wyoming adding to our portfolio of energy supplier to the nation as well as our tax base and employment rolls.

Certainly no one would argue with your regulatory authority and emphasis on safety. And I appreciate the idea that a Generic Environmental Impact Statement was intended to streamline the application process. However, I now have learned that the issue date for the GEIS has been moved to June of 2009. It would seem that the company's fears were well founded.

With this in mind, I respectfully request that you revisit the schedule for the issuance of the GEIS with the objective of meeting your originally announced date of January 2009.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to your response.

Best regards,

Dave Freudenthal  
Governor

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c: Commissioner Gregory B. Jaczko  
Commissioner Peter B. Lyons  
Commissioner Kristine L. Svinicki

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