

October 10, 2008

Mr. Mitchell Leverette, Chief  
Solid Minerals Division  
Bureau of Land Management  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Leverette:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is pleased that you will participate in a public Commission meeting on uranium recovery regulation, Thursday, December 11, 2008. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Conference Room on the first floor of the NRC's Headquarters building at One White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland; it will have two parts. You will be included in the morning panel scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. First, the NRC staff will provide a presentation on (1) the status of in-situ leach (ISL) uranium recovery license applications, (2) the status of the draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for ISL, and (3) the status of the cooperative rulemaking with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on groundwater protection at ISL uranium recovery facilities. Then the Commission would like to hear from you about BLM's oversight of uranium recovery with respect to Federal lands and how we may be able to work together, such as, the Bureau's use of NRC's environmental assessments. The afternoon panels will feature a broad spectrum of stakeholders. I am enclosing a copy of the draft meeting agenda for your information (Enclosure 1). At this time, not all participants have been confirmed. My staff will keep you informed of updates to the agenda,

To assist the Commission in preparing for the meeting, please send a copy of any written material to Ms. Michelle Schroll in the Office of the Secretary, by December 4, 2008, so that it can be distributed to the Commission for review in advance of the meeting. If you intend to use viewgraphs, please notify Ms. Schroll as soon as possible, and follow the enclosed guidelines (Enclosure 2) which are designed for media streaming. Paper or electronic presentation formats, such as PowerPoint, are acceptable. You may also fax material to (301) 415-1672. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Schroll at 301-415-1662.

This Commission meeting will be webcast live at the Web address: [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov). If you use PowerPoint or other electronic presentation format, we would appreciate receiving your materials in electronic form so your viewgraphs can be posted on the NRC website prior to the meeting. Please e-mail them to [michelle.schroll@nrc.gov](mailto:michelle.schroll@nrc.gov) and [sandy.ioosten@nrc.gov](mailto:sandy.ioosten@nrc.gov).

Your presentation at the Commission meeting should be based on the assumption that Commissioners are familiar with the content of your written material. Please plan your oral presentation for 10 minutes or less, discussing the important points on which you wish to focus the Commission's attention.

The NRC Headquarters building is located opposite the White Flint Metro Station on Rockville

Pike and Marinelli Drive, Rockville, Maryland. The White Flint Metro Station is on the Red Line of the Washington area subway system. Reserved visitor parking for Commission guests is available. If you wish to use reserved parking, please notify Ms. Schroll in advance. If reserved parking has been arranged, please check-in with the security staff at the entrance to the NRC campus on Marinelli Drive when you arrive. A Security Guard will call for an escort. Please note that visitors will be screened through metal detectors, will have their packages x-rayed, and will be required to present a picture identification card prior to signing in at the registration desk.

Sincerely,

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Annette L. Vietti-Cook  
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosures:

1. Draft Agenda
2. Briefing Visuals Guidance