

October 10, 2008

Ms. Katie Sweeney
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Dear Ms. Sweeney:

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. In the morning at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 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. During the afternoon you will be part of a broad spectrum of stakeholders. The Commission is interested in the industry's plans and its views on NRC's regulation of uranium recovery. 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. 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 and sandy.joosten@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