

October 8, 2008

Mr. Jon Goldstein, Deputy Secretary  
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Dear Mr. Goldstein:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) invites you to 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 would be part of a broad spectrum of stakeholders. The Commission is interested in hearing your State's views on NRC regulation of uranium recovery. I am enclosing a copy of the draft meeting agenda for your information. At this time, not all participants have been confirmed. My staff will keep you informed of updates to the agenda.

The Commission requests that you prepare a 10 minute presentation. The 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 by December 4, 2008, 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.joosten@nrc.gov](mailto:sandy.joosten@nrc.gov).

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. The trip from Metro Center in D.C. takes about 45 minutes; however, there are several hotels nearby. Reserved visitor parking for Commission guests is also available. The Commission would welcome your participation and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Annette L. Vietti-Cook  
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosure