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Dear Mr. Edwards:

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, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the NRC staff will provide a presentation on the status of in-situ leach (ISL) uranium recovery activities, including license applications, the draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for ISL, and the rulemaking on groundwater protection at ISL uranium recovery facilities. You will be part of the morning session along with Mr. Stephen Heare and Mr. Mitchell Leverette, Bureau of Land Management. The Commission is interested in hearing EPA's perspective on the in-situ leach uranium recovery rulemaking. The afternoon session, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., will include a broad spectrum of stakeholders. I am enclosing a copy of the draft meeting agenda for your information (Enclosure 1). At this time, most participants have been confirmed. My staff will keep you informed of updates to the agenda.

The draft agenda provides up to 10 minutes for a combined presentation by you and Mr. Heare. 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. The 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 those materials in electronic form so your viewgraphs can also be posted on the NRC website prior to the meeting. Please follow the enclosed guidelines (Enclosure 2) which are designed for media streaming and e-mail your presentation to **michelle.schroll@nrc.gov** and **sandy.joosten@nrc.gov**. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Schroll at 301-415-1662.

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.

Sincerely,

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Annette L. Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosures:
1. Draft Agenda
2. Briefing Visuals Guidance