

EagleRockCEM Resource

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Please see attached a letter from President Arthur C. Vailas, Idaho State University, in support of AREVA's application to construct and operate the Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility.

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Dear NRC Staff:

Idaho State University supports AREVA Enrichment Services LLC 's license application to construct and operate the Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility.

Energy is a leading global concern of our time. Energy research, development and systems technology are critical to advancing our economy and security. On a more local level, eastern Idaho has the potential to be a leader in developing an emerging energy corridor. AREVA and the Enrichment Facility are critical components to the success of this plan.

AREVA has been an exceptional partner with our College of Technology and College of Engineering. In 2006, AREVA provided important support for Technology's successful grant applications for \$2.6 million in combined funding from the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Labor. That money helps fund Technology's new Energy Systems Technology and Education Center (ESTEC). The center provides the kind of skilled technicians that a diversified energy industry requires, including the commercial nuclear-power industry.

Government and academia have been important components of nuclear power research and development in eastern Idaho for half a century. The AREVA facility, its vendors, suppliers and spinoffs, will require well-educated employees. Idaho State University is poised to meet that need. Roughly 2,400 students attend Idaho State University at University Place in Idaho Falls, where our diverse catalog of certificates and degrees includes programs in nuclear science and engineering programs. This is in addition to our programs for energy-systems engineering technicians, such as those offered by ESTEC.

We recognize the complexity and long-term impacts of decisions relating to this matter. I vigorously believe AREVA's operations will positively affect the people of eastern Idaho and beyond. I strongly offer my support and that of Idaho State University in favor of expeditiously processing AREVA's application for the Eagle Rock Enrichment facility.

Sincerely,

Arthur C. Vailas, Ph.D.
President

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