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Krista -

The NRC staff is in the process of performing its technical and environmental review related to the processing of third party ion exchange resins at the Smith Ranch facility. In the original license amendment request dated June 19, 2008, PRI indicated that the third parties would be located in Wyoming. The NRC staff has been conducting its safety and environmental reviews based on the information contained in both the June 19 (ML081760278) letter and a follow up submittal dated October 1, 2008 (ML082820419).

The NRC staff understands that PRI is considering expanding the license amendment request to include receipt of third party ion exchange resins from facilities located outside of Wyoming. This would represent a change to the information that the staff is currently reviewing and additional information would likely need to be provided. Receipt of resins from outside the state of Wyoming could represent a significant increase in the amount of time and distance the resins would be shipped. As discussed in a letter from the NRC to PRI dated July 23, 2008 (ML082030638), the potential environmental impacts of transporting third party ion exchange resin would need to be addressed. NUREG 1748 provides guidance on the NRC's environmental review of licensing actions.

Note that licensing actions of this nature are not covered by categorical exclusion criteria and are therefore subject to an environmental review. Further discussion guidance related to the categorical exclusion criteria can be found in Chapter 2 of NUREG 1748. As the agency comment period for the current review has finished, any changes to the license amendment request would likely require, at a minimum, an additional agency comment period.

Let me know if you have any questions and how you would like to proceed.

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