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Ref: the proposed Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility near Idaho Falls, Idaho.
(Docket No. 70-7015)

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to implore you to hold the meeting for the Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility, be held in Boise.

This possible facility will be run by a company that allows its reprocessing plant in La Hague, France to dump millions of gallons of radioactive liquid into the English Channel each year, it is not a good neighbor. This waste has contaminated the seas all the way to the Artic Circle. Is this the action of a responsible company? And if allowed to build its uranium enrichment facility here in Idaho, what will they be allowed to do to the valuable water we have in Idaho?

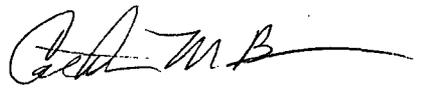
This enrichment facility will also produce a waste called depleted uranium (DU) **hexafluoride**. This will be very difficult and hard to manage nuclear waste. It is hard to store safely and becomes more radioactive over time. What environmental risks will the citizens of Idaho are facing, if this facility is allowed to be built, here Idaho? For the protection of Idaho's citizens, we really need to know.

Also, there is only the level of enrichment between uranium used in a nuclear reactor and the uranium used in nuclear bombs. What will be the impact of having this technology in Idaho? And what will the use of this technology have on the U.S. efforts for nonproliferation internationally? These are important questions and they should be considered before such a plant is built and placed into operation.

We implore you to please consider the all of the citizens of Idaho and have a public meeting in Boise to allow for all the residents in Idaho to offer input in the decision process of the Eagle Rock Enrichment Center. Since the entire state of Idaho will be paying for the tax incentives for this Areva project, then "all" the residents of Idaho should be allowed a voice in allowing or not allowing this "uranium enrichment facility".

We ask you please to hold the meetings concerning the Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility in Boise, to allow for a more widespread public comment on this issue.

Thank you,



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