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Washington, DC, 20555-0001

RE: Docket No. 70-7015

Dear NRC Staff:

The purpose of this letter is to express my concerns about the environmental considerations for the proposed AREVA uranium enrichment plant in Eastern Idaho.

My name is Jody Henley and I have been a resident of South East Idaho for 2 years. I believe that safe and efficient uranium enrichment in the United States is necessary if our country is going to continue to generate our electricity from carbon dioxide-free nuclear power. However, there are legitimate questions about potential environmental impacts, specifically related to the disposition of the large quantities of depleted uranium hexafluoride "tails" that will result from this process.

While I am aware that the Department of Energy (DOE) is constructing two facilities to process depleted "tails" I also recognize that the DOE already has a 25 year inventory of material to process. AREVA should not be permitted to plan on storing tails for 25 years until DOE can process. This is an aspect of the project that appears to not be well thought out or the effects taken into consideration in environmental planning and reports.

I would strongly urge the NRC to require AREVA to come up with a processing and disposal plan for these "tails" as a condition to granting their license to operate in Idaho.

Sincerely,

*Jody Henley*  
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