

EagleRockCEM Resource

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To Whom It May Concern,

As an Idahoan, I would like to have the following issues addressed with the draft EIS for the proposed Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility near Idaho Falls, Idaho (docket No. 70-7015).

It is critical that communities throughout Idaho be involved in the public meetings on the draft EIS expected from the NRC in early 2010, especially the most populous region of the Treasure Valley in Southwest Idaho. Because the Idaho Legislature passed state tax incentives for this project, the NRC must facilitate the participation of Idahoans from across the state. A public meeting in Boise, Idaho's capital and main population center, would help achieve this goal. Additionally, in order to have a robust conversation about the waste, the differences between enriched uranium for power reactors and enriched uranium for bombs, and the lack of a deconversion facility for its waste it is essential the NRC consider holding a public hearing in Boise.

What are the environmental risks Idaho will face by housing depleted uranium indefinitely?

From what I have learned about Areva, it does not look to be a good neighbor. Areva runs a reprocessing plant in La Hague, France. That single facility pours one million gallons of radioactive liquid into the English Channel each year and has contaminated the seas all the way to the Arctic Circle. How can we be assured its Idaho operation will be more responsible?

The only difference between the uranium in nuclear reactor fuel and the uranium in nuclear bombs is the degree of enrichment. What will be the impact of having this technology in Idaho? Will the use of this technology undermine U.S. efforts for non-proliferation internationally?

Please address these concerns in the draft EIS. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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