

MEETING REPORT
Powder River Basin Resource Council and Uranium Watch

DATE: June 30, 2009

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Grand Hyatt Hotel
Denver, CO 80202

PURPOSE: Discuss Uranium Recovery Issues

ATTENDEES: See Attachment A

BACKGROUND: The Powder River Basin Resource Council (PRBRC) and Uranium Watch (meeting requesters) are public interest groups that track the uranium industry and raise concerns to NRC staff regarding projects that may affect their members.

DISCUSSION: After introductions, PRBRC and Uranium Watch started discussing the agenda items. Regarding the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS), the meeting requesters asked if the GEIS was the final action, was a record of decision (ROD) included, and what kind of scoping would be involved in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). Staff responded that no was produced because the final action is the SEIS for each individual project. Also, an information gathering will be performed for each SEIS, as scoping is not required for SEISs.

The groups also mentioned that the staff is not doing enough to reach out to Native Americans. The staff responded by listing all the interactions with Indian Tribes. The groups clarified that there are other Native American groups that are outside the reservations that do not have the resources to travel to Washington or Denver, and the NRC should travel to visit these other Native American groups.

The meeting requesters voiced concerns that the Agreement States are not required to follow the National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA), and that the NRC should require the states to perform a NEPA environmental review. The staff responded that NEPA is only applicable to major Federal actions. Therefore, the agency has no authority to require the Agreement States to perform environmental reviews that are analogous to environmental impact statements or environmental assessments.

The meeting requesters also voiced concerns that the uranium companies were not restoring the sites to their original condition. They stated that the regulations allowed for concentrations of some constituents to remain at elevated levels. They were also concerned that financial assurance amounts were insufficient to restore sites in the event of a default.

ACTIONS:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Attendance List

Attachment B: Meeting Agenda

cc: Meeting Attendees

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MEETING PROCESS:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Lead</u>
1:00 p.m.	Introductions	All
	Issues with 10 CFR Part 40, Appendix A	Powder River Basin
	Financial Assurance	Powder River Basin
	Agreement State Programs	Powder River Basin
	ISL GEIS Follow-up and Clarifying Avenues for Public Participation	Powder River Basin
	Summary of Action Items	Moderator
	Public Comments/Questions	
2:00 p.m.	Adjourn	