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Dear Mr. Heare:

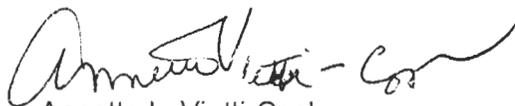
The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is pleased that you will participate in a public Commission meeting on uranium recovery regulation, Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Conference Room on the first floor of the NRC's Headquarters building at One White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland. First, the NRC staff will provide a presentation on the status of uranium recovery activities, including license applications being reviewed under the new Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement process, experience using the GEIS, and groundwater protection. You will be part of a Federal representatives panel along with Mr. Jonathan Edwards and Mr. Mitchell Leverette, Bureau of Land Management. The Commission is interested in hearing EPA's perspective on the rulemaking on groundwater protection at uranium recovery facilities and consultation with the NRC and progress with the 40 CFR 192 rulemaking. There will be a third panel which will include a broad spectrum of stakeholders. I am enclosing a copy of the draft meeting agenda for your information (enclosure 1). My staff will keep you informed of any updates to the agenda.

To assist the Commission in preparing for the meeting, please e-mail any written material, including viewgraphs/slides, to Ms. Rochelle Baval and Ms. Sandy Joosten (rochelle.baval@nrc.gov and sandy.joosten@nrc.gov) in the Office of the Secretary, by February 23, 2010, so that it can be distributed to the Commission for review in advance of the meeting. Enclosed are guidelines for viewgraphs, if you choose to use them (enclosure 2). PowerPoint or other electronic presentation formats are acceptable. This Commission meeting will be webcast live at the Web address: www.nrc.gov. If you intend to use viewgraphs they will also be posted on the NRC website prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Baval at 301-415-1651.

Your presentation at the Commission meeting should be based on the assumption that Commissioners are familiar with the content of your written material. Please plan 10 minutes for a combined presentation by you and Mr. Edwards, discussing the important points on which you wish to focus the Commission's attention.

The NRC Headquarters building is located opposite the White Flint Metro Station on Rockville Pike and Marinelli Drive, Rockville, Maryland. The White Flint Metro Station is on the Red Line of the Washington area subway system. Reserved visitor parking for Commission guests is available. If you wish to use reserved parking, please notify Ms. Bavoil in advance. If reserved parking has been arranged, please check-in with the security staff at the entrance to the NRC campus on Marinelli Drive when you arrive. A Security Guard will call for an escort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annette L. Vietti-Cook". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Annette L. Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosures:

1. Draft Agenda
2. Briefing Visuals Guidance

Draft: 1/7/10

SCHEDULING NOTE**Title:** **BRIEFING ON URANIUM RECOVERY (Public Meeting)****Scheduled:** **Tuesday, March 2, 2010**
9:30 am**Duration:** Approx. 2 hours and 35 minutes**Location:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 1st fl OWFN**Participants:** **Presentation****NRC Staff** **30 mins.***Topics:

- Status of Current Uranium Recovery Applications being Reviewed Under the New Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Process
- Experience using the GEIS
- Ground Water Protection

Commission Q & A **30 mins.****Federal Representatives** **20 mins.*****Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (Ground Water Protection)** **10 mins.*****Jonathan Edwards**, Director, Radiation Protection Division,
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**Stephen Heare**, Director, Drinking Water Protection Division,
U.S. Environmental Protection AgencyTopics:

- EPA's Perspectives on the Rulemaking for Ground Water Protection at Uranium Recovery Facilities and Consultation with NRC
- Progress with the 40 CFR 192 Rulemaking

Mitchell Leverette, Chief, Solid Minerals Division, Bureau of Land
Management, U.S. Department of Interior **10 mins.***Topic:

- Oversight with respect to Federal lands including development of the MOU between the Bureau and NRC regarding Bureau use of NRC's Environmental Assessments

Commission Q & A **20 mins.**

Break	5 mins.
<u>Stakeholders</u>	25 mins.*
Stephen Etsitty , Executive Director, The Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency	5 mins.*
Susan Jablonski , Director, Radioactive Materials Division, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ),	5 mins.*
Donald McKenzie , Administrator, Land Quality Division, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality	5 mins.*
Geoffrey Fettus , Senior Project Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council	5 mins.*
Katie Sweeney , General Counsel, National Mining Association (NMA)	5 mins.*
<u>Topic:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uranium Recovery	
Commission Q & A	25 mins.

*For presentation only and does not include time for Commission Q & A's

Documents:

Staff Background material due to SECY: February 16, 2010.

Slides due to SECY: February 23, 2010.

Enclosure 2

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