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Stephen B. Etsitty  
Executive Director  
The Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency  
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Window Rock, AZ 86515

Dear Mr. Etsitty:

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. A panel of Federal representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency and Bureau of Land Management will then discuss the EPA's groundwater protection rulemaking and BLM's oversight of Federal lands. You would be on a panel with a broad spectrum of stakeholders, and the Commission is interested in hearing the Navajo Nation's views on NRC regulation of uranium recovery. 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](mailto:rochelle.baval@nrc.gov) and [sandy.joosten@nrc.gov](mailto: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](http://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.

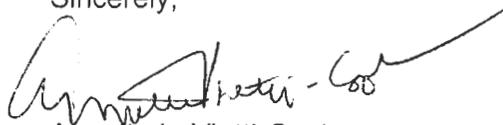
Your presentation at the Commission meeting should be based on the assumption that Commissioners are familiar with the content of your written material. Please plan your oral presentation for 5 minutes, discussing the important points on which you wish to focus the Commission's attention.

The Commission is able to offer travel funds for you to participate in the briefing. I understand that Ms. Baval has already emailed you the name and contact information of the person who will

assist you with getting travel authorization from NRC.

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. The trip from Metro Center in D.C. takes about 45 minutes; however there are several hotels nearby. Reserved visitor parking for Commission guests is available. If you wish to use reserved parking, please notify Ms. Baval 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. Please note that visitors will be screened through metal detectors, will have their packages x-rayed, and will be required to present a picture identification card prior to signing in at the registration desk.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annette L. Vietti-Cook". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Agency

Topics:

- 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.

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

\*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.

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