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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C.

I regret that I will be in Santa Fe and unable to attend the public meeting on January 14, 2010.

Please know of my strong support of International Isotopes, Inc. proposal to construct an integrated Fluorine Extraction Process and Depleted Uranium Deconversion Plant (FEP/DUP) 14 miles west of Hobbs, New Mexico. The information I have gathered indicate International Isotopes will provide a safe workplace for the employees as well as protect the environment.

The citizens of Southeast New Mexico are knowledgeable concerning the management and processing of uranium as well as the processing and disposal of some forms of nuclear waste. The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant was licensed in 1999 and the Louisiana Energy Service uranium enrichment plant in 2005. The constituents in Senate District 41 see the International Isotopes, Inc project a further economic opportunity that will bring good jobs, both during construction and then in operation. We anticipate the economic opportunities offered by International Isotopes, Inc. will add to the quality of life in Southeast New Mexico.

International Isotopes, Inc. will find an educated and knowledgeable workforce available. Within 60 miles of the proposed site in Lea County are New Mexico Junior College and University of the Southwest in Hobbs and New Mexico State University, Carlsbad campus.

You will find strong support for the project in the leadership of Hobbs, Lea County and Southeast New Mexico. Please call on me at any time I can be of service.

Sincerely,

Carroll H. Leavell



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