

Thursday, January 14, 2010

Nuclear Regulatory Committee (NRC)

RE: International Isotopes in Lea County

Dear NRC Members:

On behalf of the Economic Development Corporation of Lea County (EDCLC) Board of Directors, please accept this statement as an indication of our enthusiastic support for the International Isotopes, Inc. proposal to construct an integrated Fluorine Extraction Process and Depleted Uranium Deconversion Plant (FEP/DUP) in Lea County, New Mexico.

Lea County residents and businesses have been provided several opportunities to learn about the INIS project, including their process and planned safety measures. In public meetings, INIS has been open about the facility plans and responsive to any questions posed. Support at these meetings was very positive. A group from Lea County visited the pilot facility in Idaho Falls, ID and feels confident that the Hobbs facility will be a significant contribution to the future economic diversity and strength of Lea County. This project will increase the technological skills and assets in our community, stimulate job growth, and enhance the economic base of Lea County and Southeast New Mexico. The EDCLC anxiously looks forward to the dedicated community partner Lea County will be gaining.

The EDCLC will continue to work with you to make this project a reality. We appreciate the opportunity to show our support and approval of this project.

Sincerely,

Bill Hayles

Vice Chairman, Economic Development Corporation of Lea County Board of Directors