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Attachments: BLM & WY DEQ mtg slides rev3.ppt; Draft Agenda BLM_WYDEQ mtg 0609.doc *repeated elsewhere*

Ed, Don and others in the BLM and Wyoming offices - we are pleased that we will be able to meet face to face at the BLM Wyoming State Office on June 24th and 25th.

Alan Bjornsen and myself are planning on traveling to Cheyenne on Tuesday June 23rd so we would be able to meet starting at 8:30 (10:30 EST) on June 24th. We would like to tie others in from NRC who will be remaining in Rockville, Maryland so we were going to get a call in number for the hours of 8:30 - 4:30 (10:30 - 6:30 EST).

We have attached a proposed agenda as well as some draft introductory slides that NRC would be using. Please review the agenda and let us know if it looks agreeable to you. Please feel free to suggest any changes that you would like to make.

Alan and I are planning on staying in the Cheyenne area through COB Thursday also so we have time to meet on Thursday. However, Don has mentioned he would arrange a time for us to meet with the Governors Planning Office so we would need to attend that meeting whenever it gets arranged.

We look forward to this discussion and hope that the appropriate people from BLM and Wyoming are available.

Please let us know if you have questions. If you want to arrange a quick conference call before the meeting - just to review the agenda - we would be supportive of that.

Thanks.

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Meeting with BLM & WY DEQ
Regarding Uranium Recovery Applications
and Agency Environmental Review Processes

June 24, 2009

Purposes of Meeting

- Increase level of understanding of each agency with respect to jurisdiction/authority and environmental review processes
- Identify overlaps in each agency's reviews
- Establish better communication between agencies with respect to review schedules and issues identified during review

Agenda

- NRC authority & review process
- BLM authority & review process
- Status of NRC/BLM MOU
- WY DEQ authority & review process
- Status of uranium recovery (UR) applications, draft MOU with BLM
- Open discussion

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NRC Roles & Responsibilities

- NRC is an independent agency
- Mission: protect public health and safety and environment, promote common defense and security
- Has responsibility along with Agreement States for licensing commercial use of nuclear materials
- Openness and soliciting comments on our actions is one of our core values

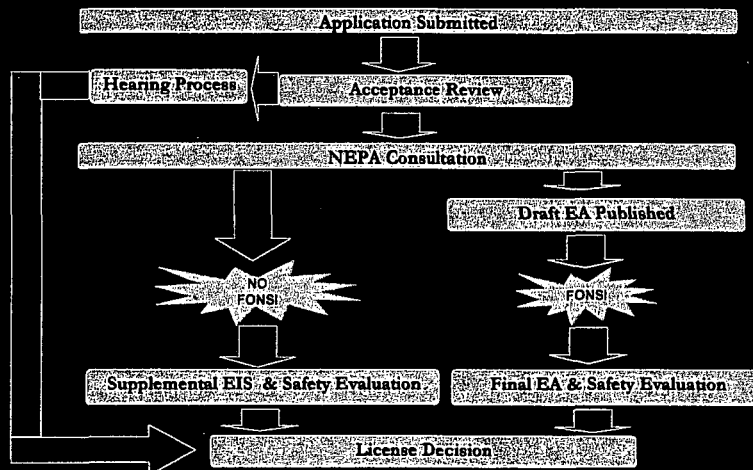
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NRC's Licensing Review Process

- Licensing application submitted for review
- Review conducted in two steps:
 - Acceptance review
 - Detailed review
- Detailed review composed of two parts:
 - Site-specific safety review
 - Site-specific environmental review

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Regulatory Process for In-Situ Uranium Recovery



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NRC and NEPA

- NRC's regulations to implement NEPA requirements are in 10 CFR Part 51
- Application for new license, renewal, or amendment initiates NEPA review process
- NRC is not proponent of the action
 - Proposed action - what the applicant/licensee is seeking to do
 - Federal action – NRC approval/denial of application for new license, renewal, or amendment

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Types of UR NEPA Documents

- New ISL applications – Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements (SEISs) tiered from the ISL Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS)
- License renewals, expansions and amendments – Environmental Assessments (EAs)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
- Conventional milling/heap leach applications – stand-alone EISs

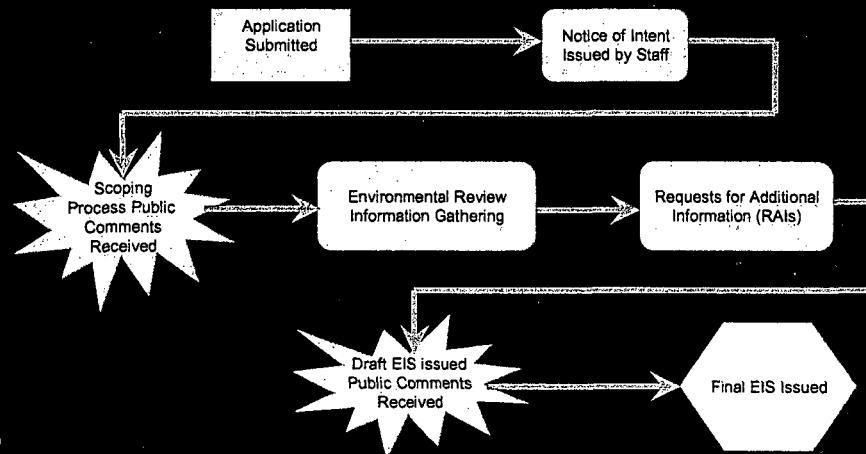
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Sources of Information for Site-Specific Environmental Review

- Applicant's environmental report
- Other relevant information/data
- ISL GEIS
 - Evaluate site-specific information to determine if applicant's proposed action and site characteristics are within the bounds of the GEIS
 - Determine which sections to be incorporated by reference into site-specific review and which sections need further analysis

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Environmental Review Process – Conventional Milling



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Example Schedule

EA	SEIS	EIS	Milestone
-90	-90	-90	Begin acceptance review
0	0	0	End acceptance review, begin environmental review
N/A	45	75	Issue NOI for SEIS/EIS and scoping
60	75	90	Site visit
-	-	90	Public scoping meeting(s)
150	165	165	Issue environmental RAIs
270*	300	360	Issue draft NEPA document for public comment
300*	360	435	End public comment period
365	435	555	Issue final NEPA document
N/A	465	585	Agency final decision

* If requested

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Current Projects Under Review

- Moore Ranch, Nichols Ranch, Lost Creek (new ISLs)
 - Environmental RAIs issued in March 2009
 - Draft SEIS expected to be issued Winter 2009
 - Final SEIS expected to be issued Spring 2010
- Jab and Antelope (new ISL)

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BLM Authority

- Jurisdiction
- Structure
- Review process

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WY DEQ Authority

- Jurisdiction
- Structure
- Review Process

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Status of WY UR Applications

Company	Site	Type	Estimated App. Date
Lost Creek ISR, LLC	Lost Creek	ISL - New	Rec 03/08, Acc 06/08
Uranerz Energy Corp.	Nichols Ranch	ISL - New	Rec 11/07, Acc 04/08
Uranium One	Moore Ranch	ISL - New	Rec 10/07, Acc 12/07
Uranium One	Jab and Antelope	ISL - New	Rec 9/08, Acc 05/09
Uranium One	Ludeman	ISL - New	07/09
Lost Creek ISR, LLC	Lost Creek	ISL - Expansion	11/09
UR-Energy Corp.	Lost Soldier	ISL - Expansion	11/09
Uranium One	Allemand-Ross	ISL - Expansion	12/09
Cameco	Smith Ranch/Highland	ISL - Expansion	TBD
Strathmore Minerals	Reno Creek	ISL - New	03/11
Wildhorse Energy	West Alkali Creek	ISL - New	12/10
Wildhorse Energy	Sweetwater	ISL and Conv. - New	05/11
Cameco	Ruby Ranch	ISL - Expansion	10/11
Strathmore Minerals	Gas Hills	Conv. - New	10/11

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Open Discussion

- Overlaps in each agency's review
- Touch points in schedule for interagency communication
- Timing of document sharing and comment review
- Agency points of contact

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