

July 14, 2010

Mr. Jim Kay, Licensing Manager  
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED AREVA ENRICHMENT SERVICES LLC EAGLE ROCK ENRICHMENT FACILITY IN BONNEVILLE COUNTY, IDAHO

Dear Mr. Kay:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed NUREG-1945, "Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility in Bonneville County, Idaho." The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) includes analysis of relevant environmental issues and documents the NRC staff's preliminary determinations regarding the environmental impacts from the preconstruction, construction, operation, and decommissioning of the proposed uranium enrichment facility.

Enclosed are a copy of the Draft EIS and the associated *Federal Register* notice of availability. The notice advises the public that the Draft EIS is available for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of the NRC Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, which provides access through the NRC's Electronic Reading Room link. The accession numbers in ADAMS for the Draft EIS and *Federal Register* notice are ML101890384 and ML101610595, respectively. The Draft EIS also may be accessed on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nureqs/staff/sr1945/>. In addition, copies of the Draft EIS will be available at the Idaho Falls Public Library, 457 West Broadway, Idaho Falls, ID 83402. Additional documents related to this application may be accessed on the AREVA Enrichment Services, LLC Gas Centrifuge Facility licensing website at <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/fuel-cycle-fac/arevanc.html>.

The notice also informs the public that the NRC staff plans to hold a public meeting to discuss the analysis and preliminary results of the Draft EIS on Thursday, August 12, 2010, at the Red Lion Hotel on the Falls Convention Center, Idaho Falls, 475 River Parkway, Idaho 83402. The meeting will convene at 7:30 p.m, Mountain Time (MT) and will continue until 10:00 p.m. MT. The meeting will be transcribed and will include the following agenda items: (1) a brief presentation of NRC's roles and responsibilities and the licensing process, (2) a presentation summarizing the contents of the Draft EIS, and (3) an opportunity for interested government agencies, tribal governments, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the Draft EIS. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions in an open house forum one hour before the start of the meeting, during which members of the public may meet and talk with NRC staff members.

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As discussed in the Draft EIS, the NRC staff preliminarily recommends that, unless safety issues mandate otherwise, the proposed license be issued. This preliminary recommendation is based on: (1) the environmental report and revisions and supplementary information submitted by AREVA Enrichment Services LLC; (2) the staff's consideration of comments related to the environmental review that were received during the public scoping process; (3) consultation with Federal, Tribal, State, and local agencies; (4) the staff's independent review; and (5) the assessments summarized in the Draft EIS.

A separate notice of filing of the Draft EIS will be placed in the *Federal Register* by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Stephen Lemont, Senior Project Manager, by phone at 301-415-5163, or by e-mail at [Stephen.Lemont@nrc.gov](mailto:Stephen.Lemont@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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