



Thursday, July 29, 2010

David L. Skeen  
Deputy Director  
Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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Washington, DC 20555-0001

**RE: International Isotopes in Lea County**

Dear Mr. Skeen:

On behalf of the Lea County Board of Commissioners, please be aware of our continuing support for the International Isotopes, Inc. (INIS) Project. Lea County has assisted INIS with the site selection and acquisition of the site property. We have worked closely with Mr. Steve Laflin and his staff and have been kept very well informed of the progress of the project by INIS. Because of this communication of the information, we feel very comfortable with the project and our new corporate citizen. We welcome the evolution of the project idea into reality,

Because of the open communication of INIS and the capable oversight of the United State Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USNRC) the citizens of Lea County are supportive of this opportunity as we continue to add to the supporting industries of the "EnergyPlex". We welcome the opportunity to help provide a workforce that can be used to implement the technological assets of INIS while we diversify our economy and expand the nuclear culture in Lea County.

We stand once again ready to assist INIS and the USNRC to make this project a reality. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to communicate our strong support for the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary M. Schubert".

Gary M. Schubert  
Lea County Board of Commissioners

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cc: Steve Laflin, President & CEO of International Isotopes, Inc.

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

Thank you for allowing me to share a few words with you today. I wish that I could be here in person.

First of all, I would like to thank the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for holding this meeting in Hobbs. It's important that the folks from Lea County get a chance to share their opinions during the environmental scoping process, and I trust you will take the views expressed today very seriously.

I have heard many good things about the proposed International Isotopes Fluorine Products facility, and I'm very excited about the possibility of a new energy-related business coming to this already important region.

But there is still an important step ahead of us. The NRC has the important task of ensuring that the people and environment of Lea County and New Mexico will be protected.

If the NRC gives the company the go-ahead, I believe International Isotopes would provide good jobs, resulting in an economic investment for the region. In addition, the company will recycle leftover material from the uranium enrichment process more efficiently, helping to facilitate our nation's clean energy future.

Because of this, I joined U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman and Congressman Harry Teague this week in sending a letter of support for International Isotopes' application to the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program. This program paves the way for federal support to innovative energy efficiency projects.

I look forward to the NRC conducting a thorough analysis of the potential environmental impact of this facility, so that in the near future Lea County and our entire nation can benefit from a safe and successful depleted uranium deconversion facility.

Sincerely,



Tom Udall  
U.S. Senator



**LOVINGTON**  
Economic Development Corporation

July 29, 2010

Dear NRC Staff:

The Lovington Economic Development Corporation would like to express our support of the International Isotopes (INIS) fluorine extraction facility planned in Lea County. We are proud that INIS selected Lea County as the site of their project and we look forward to the positive enhancements that this new industry will bring to our residents.

INIS has projected that their proposed industrial development project will provide 150 well-paying jobs. These newly created jobs will offer greater opportunity to our residents and diversify our economic base. Lea County enthusiastically embraced the LES facility and the same positive support is found for the INIS project. The Lovington EDC knows that the residents of Lea County will be the beneficiary of increased prosperity with each new project that is gained and INIS will create a positive impact.

Without reservation, the Lovington EDC of supports the proposed INIS project. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Kenyon Burns  
Board of Directors Chairman  
Lovington Economic Development Corporation  
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# US Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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**The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 611 and the National Electrical Contractors Association is in support of the International Isotopes project in Lea County New Mexico.**

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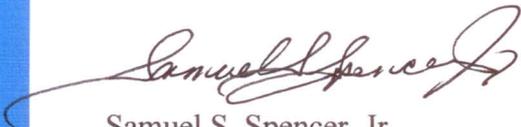
Dear NRC Staff:

The Economic Development Corporation of Lea County (EDCLC) is in full support of the International Isotopes (INIS) planned fluorine extraction facility in Lea County. We are confident that this industry will help continue to diversify our economy and create high paying jobs for Lea County residents.

INIS has provided comprehensive information to our organization, county leaders, and area residents about their planned project and in turn, representatives of the EDCLC and the community have visited their current operations in Idaho. This business will compliment Lea County's uranium enrichment processing plant and will help to further utilize the skills of our workforce. We have found INIS forthcoming with their facility plans and their leaders conduct business with integrity. It is through this due diligence process that we have been assured that the INIS facility will have a positive impact on the economic diversity and prosperity of Lea County.

We hope that you will take our comments of support into consideration during your evaluation process. Without hesitation, the EDCLC supports the construction and licensure of the INIS facility in Lea County. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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