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July 29, 2010

Honorable Gregory Jaczko  
Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Jaczko:

I am writing today to express my strong support for AREVA's license application to construct and operate the Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility. I am sorry I could not join you at the public hearings in Idaho Falls and Boise, but I would like to welcome the NRC to Idaho and express our appreciation for the NRC's work on this important matter.

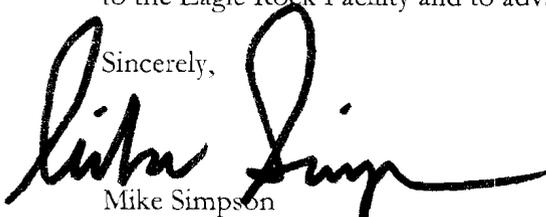
It is more important than ever that our nation take the steps needed to end our dependence on foreign sources of energy and become energy independent. Currently, the United States imports nearly ninety percent of the uranium enrichment services it uses. The Eagle Rock Enrichment Project will provide a stable domestic supply of enriched uranium for existing and planned commercial nuclear reactors, and it will serve as an important part of an overall domestic energy strategy.

AREVA has a strong record of corporate safety and achievement, and the technology that Eagle Rock will use has been well proven in the United Kingdom, mainland Europe, and now in the United States at the URENCO USA facility located in New Mexico. I have been to see AREVA's facilities in France, and I have the utmost confidence in the quality, safety, and security of their facilities.

I would like to recognize the people of Idaho and especially Southeast Idaho for all the time and hard work they have put into working with AREVA to make this facility a reality. Eastern Idaho has a long and prominent history in the nuclear energy arena, and the Idaho Falls community is proud to welcome another prominent corporate citizen to Southeast Idaho.

Thank you for being here today and taking the time to listen to the citizens of Idaho regarding their support for the Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility. I urge you to act expeditiously in the consideration and approval process of the application, and I look forward to continuing to work with you on issues related to the Eagle Rock Facility and to advancing the future of nuclear energy in our country.

Sincerely,

  
Mike Simpson  
Member of Congress