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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C.

Re: International Isotopes, Inc.

Senate District 41 includes the South half of both Lea and Eddy Counties. The proposed International Isotopes, Inc. plant is just north of this Senate District but will impact the constituents of the district. The jobs created by the construction and operation of this project will have a very positive impact on the citizens of this district. I have heard no negative concerns expressed about the operation of the proposed plant.

My duties have me in Santa Fe this week so I will not be available for the public hearing on the licensing of International Isotopes. I wish the NRC to know of my strong support of the proposal to construct and operate an integrated Fluorine Extraction Process and Depleted Uranium Deconversion Plant (FEP/DUP) 14 miles west of Hobbs, New Mexico.

The citizens of Senate Dist 41 are knowledgeable concerning the management and processing of uranium as well the management of nuclear waste due to the history of WIPP in Eddy County and now the operation of Urenco, Inc. in Lea County. As I have previously stated, you will find strong support for the project in the leadership of Southeast New Mexico.

I would urge the NRC to contact me at any time you have concerns that I might answer. Thank you for your positive consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Carroll H. Leavell".

Carroll H. Leavell