

Representative Jeff Thompson - <sup>For</sup> Governor Otter

Good evening, I am here this evening on behalf of Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter to provide his comments as governor and a citizen of this great state. As such, the Governor wants to state his support for the proposed AREVA enrichment facility, Eagle Rock, which will be built and operated outside of Idaho Falls.

AREVA is proposing to build a state-of-the-art, technologically proven modern facility to enrich uranium needed to operate the existing US fleet of 104 power reactors. AREVA's plant will incorporate many unique features which have been developed over 3 decades of experience with centrifuge enrichment technology. AREVA's vast experience and use of the technology will result in minimizing and, where possible, eliminating any impacts on the surrounding environment and regional communities. But there will remain, however, many significant beneficial impacts. First, the Eagle Rock project will provide a much needed stabilizing economic force in Idaho Falls and the southeastern Idaho region. Second, this facility will create much needed, high quality jobs for the dedicated workforce in the area. Eagle Rock will create thousands of construction and contractor jobs and during thirty years of operation, hundreds of long term, high-end positions. Third, Eagle Rock will help rebuild the Nation's nuclear infrastructure and enhance energy security for all those who depend on nuclear power for their health and welfare; right here from Idaho.

Safety, integrity, professionalism and sustainability are demonstrated attributes that AREVA embraces in all of its projects and operations and the governor believes it will bring no less to Idaho Falls. AREVA has been easy to work with and they are as excited about coming to Idaho as we are to have them locate their facility here.

As we look across the country today, there are not many, if any, states or regions that can claim proposed major energy infrastructure projects or facilities like the Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility. While large projects are usually accompanied by some environmental impacts, Governor Otter believes the end result of this facility will be very positive for Idaho and the country. Eagle Rock will provide much needed domestic production of enriched uranium for our existing US nuclear power fleet which will help enable US utilities to move away from importing nearly 90% of this important fuel product.

<sup>IDAHO FALLS</sup>  
So, we welcome the NRC here to ~~Boise~~ this evening, the governor is sure you will hear a cross section of comments, but he suspects, based on his travels around this great state, that the majority of Idahoans will tell you that they want and embrace Eagle Rock and look forward to continuing to work with AREVA in bringing this important project one step closer to reality.

In conclusion, the governor would strongly encourage the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to move forward expeditiously in their review and granting of a license to AREVA so that this important facility can begin construction next year. Thank you.

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August 12, 2010

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

Dear Chairman Jaczko:

As a U.S. Senator from Idaho I have the privilege of serving as the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Energy. From that position I have seen firsthand the efforts this country is making to formulate a forward looking energy policy. Supporting nuclear power and its associated technologies such as enrichment is one way to make our country more energy secure.

Years of broken energy policy have led us to become dependent on foreign sources of energy. We've also lost our competitive edge in the nuclear field, a field where the United States and Idaho once led. This community knows what it takes to regain that competitive edge, and once again place Idaho and this nation at the pinnacle of the nuclear industry.

There is a growing recognition that nuclear power is the most viable option to meet the clean energy demands of the future. Demand for enriched uranium is increasing in the United States and across the world to fuel clean nuclear power. This proposed facility will allow that need to be met from domestic sources while providing a much needed economic boost to the entire region.

I am confident that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will address the safety and environmental impacts from this proposed facility, while I also note the centrifuge technology is proven, reliable and efficient. The process will use 50 times less electricity than a gaseous diffusion plant, and the amount of water used by the plant is less than the current irrigation appropriation.

In closing, I support AREVA's application for the Eagle Rock Enrichment facility and recognize the enormous positive impact they will have for our country, state and local citizens.

Very Truly Yours,



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United States Senator

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Thank you for answering these questions.

*Thank you for granting Areva a license to ~~create~~ help create a clean, efficient energy source so direly needed in this country. They, of course, are a proven entity with a sterling history for safety, economy in their enrichement facilities. Our country needs this forward thinking ~~element~~ element of clean energy, and nuclear energy (so long*

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I strongly appreciate the NRC's approval of  
Aperia's license and embrace this not only  
for Idaho Falls, but also for my country  
which I love.  
Anne Mitchell

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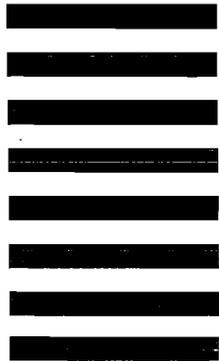


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Thank you for answering these questions.

*Idaho wants and needs this project*

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