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Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2009 12:10 AM
To: Bill VonTill; Christianne Ridge
Subject: Re: Additional information on schedule for the Lost Creek Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

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No this was a reiteration of what was covered in the non public phone calls with the industry. The general statement that we will be doing seiss will be made public in a press release. The specific schedule impacts for each site. Would be too specific for a public release and not of interest to the public

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This is what Ur Energy based the press release on. I assume that this was made publicly available?

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John:

Per our discussion last Friday May 15 2009 I am providing details of the expected adjustment to the NRC staff's schedule for the environmental review for the Lost Creek new facility application. The schedule adjustments are being made since NRC plans, to more clearly meet the requirement for completing an EIS for new ISR facilities and in response to public concerns , to issue supplemental environmental impact statements (SEIS) rather than environmental assessments (EA), for new in situ uranium recovery applications.

I'd like to stress that while this expected revision is a change to the original strategy and there are some impacts to the schedule, the overall the strategy provides for more certainty in the schedule for completion. Specifically, the revision eliminates the potential for unanticipated schedule delays due to having to complete an EIS when significant effects are determined from an EA and provides a more solid basis for decision-making.

The current schedule for the environmental review of the Lost Creek application calls for the completion of the SEIS by April 2010, which is within the 2 year timeframe previously for completion of the license application review. This April date accounts for an addition of 60-90 days needed for completion of an SEIS. The specific required process changes that result in this delay are:

- The comment period on the draft may be expanded 30 days
- There is a 30 day waiting period after sending the final EIS to EPA

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- An additional 30 days is added for additional targeted scoping meetings and additional analysis given that more detail will need to be included in the document.

In the case of Lost Creek, additional delays have resulted due to a delay in the expected 30 day response to requests for additional information (RAIs) provided in March 2009 and contracting issues. This has resulted in delay in completion of the environmental review for Lost Creek from November 2009 to April 2010 a delay of a total of 4-5 months.

As I noted during the call, this schedule is dependent on adequate staff, budget, sufficient responses to RAIs, and no additional extension to comment period for the draft document beyond the 30 day extension noted above. However, the NRC staff is evaluating potential efficiencies in our contracting and project management processes to reduce delays to the maximum extent possible

Please let me know if you require additional information

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