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Subject: Comments on the Draft Environmental impact Statement for the Proposed International Isotopes Fluorine Products Facility in Lea County, New Mexico
(NRC Docket ID# NRC-40-9086)

Dear Ms. Bladey,

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with my comments on the proposed International Isotopes fluorine products facility in Lea County, New Mexico. I support this project and believe that it will be a positive contribution to Lea County and will fulfill an important role in the safe and environmentally sound treatment of depleted uranium hexafluoride. I also believe the facility will produce important fluoride products for U.S. markets and be an asset to U.S. chemical manufacturing capability. I believe the draft Environmental impact Statement thoroughly reviews all of the potential environmental impacts from the proposed facility and I agree with the conclusions reached by the NRC staff that those impacts would be small.

By not converting depleted UF6 at Paducah and Portsmouth in a timely manner our Department of Energy left a terrible environmental legacy in the form of thousands of cylinders of depleted UF6- a most unstable uranium compound.

Our nation needs nuclear power for energy reliability, efficiency and energy independence. We must work to ensure the nuclear fuel cycle is operated in a most efficient and environmentally clean manner. Deconverting UF6 close to its source, in this case, the Urenco facility in Eunice, is the most efficient and environmentally friendly route to pursue.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Marshall Nadel

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