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## General Comment

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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-2010-0143)

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 have done some researched on depleted uranium and was amazed at the amount (686,500 metric tons) that the DOE has in inventory in Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee. It appears that the DOE has a few deconversion facilities online that can convert the UF<sub>6</sub> to a low level radioactive waste, at what I can only assume is a great cost to the American taxpayer. I understand that International Isotopes has a process that will convert the UF<sub>6</sub> to a low level radioactive waste and produce much needed fluorine gas products. It sounds like a win win situation to me, creating jobs and saving the taxpayer money. 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.

Sincerely, Kurt Smith