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**SUMMARY OF U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL ISOTOPES FLUORINE EXTRACTION  
PROCESS AND DEPLETED URANIUM DECONVERSION PLANT**

Date: February 2, 2012

Place: Lea County Event Center, Hobbs, New Mexico

Attendees: See Attachment 1

Purpose:

The purpose of this public meeting was for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff to present the NRC environmental review process under the National Environmental Policy Act and the preliminary findings from the Draft *Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed International Isotopes Fluorine Extraction Process and Depleted Uranium Deconversion Plant in Lea County, New Mexico* (DEIS, NUREG-2113). In addition, the NRC staff provided the public with an opportunity to comment on the DEIS, that was issued in December 2011.

Discussion:

On February 2, 2012, NRC staff held a public meeting in Hobbs, New Mexico, regarding the staff's environmental review of the application submitted by International Isotopes Fluorine Products Inc. (IIFP) for construction, operation, and decommissioning of the proposed Fluorine Extraction and Depleted Uranium Deconversion Facility west of Hobbs, New Mexico. Formal presentations were made by the NRC staff. The meeting proceedings were transcribed by a court reporter.

NRC staff provided a brief description about the proposed facility and the proposed fluorine extraction process. NRC staff briefly described the NRC's licensing process, provided a description of the environmental review process under the National Environmental Policy Act, and provided a status of the review to date. NRC staff also described the preliminary results of the environmental impact analyses. All environmental impacts associated with constructing, operating, and decommissioning of the proposed IIFP facility were preliminarily characterized as small, except for the resource area of air quality, which was preliminarily characterized as small to moderate.

After the formal presentations were given by NRC staff, members of the public were invited to ask questions and then the facilitator opened the floor for the public to provide comments. Approximately 65 people attended the meeting. Three attendees asked questions and six attendees provided oral public comments. Attendees included members of the public, representatives of State agencies, Congressional staff, State and local government officials or their representatives, representatives for the applicant, the news media, and NRC staff. Questions raised by the public concerned transportation of liquid fluorine, underground piping carrying hazardous materials, groundwater wells in the area, transportation of depleted uranium hexafluoride (DUF<sub>6</sub>) to the proposed plant and depleted uranium dioxide (DUO<sub>2</sub>) from the

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proposed plant, and the safety record of the applicant for conducting similar proposed activities. All of the oral public comments expressed support for the project.

The meeting was preceded by an hour-long open house during which NRC staff interacted with the public and answered questions about the licensing process, the environmental review process, and the staff's preliminary findings. Posters were also displayed to summarize the licensing and environmental review processes.

A combined list of attendees for the public meetings is provided in Attachment 1. The official corrected transcript of the public meeting is available at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). The ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room is accessible at <http://adamswebsearch.nrc.gov/dologin.htm>. The transcript for the meeting is listed under Accession No.: ML120390370. A copy of the slides used during the NRC's presentation is also available in ADAMS under Accession No.: ML120310175.

The comment period for the DEIS is scheduled to end on February 27, 2012. NRC staff will consider all comments on the DEIS and make any necessary revisions to the DEIS prior to issuing its final environmental impact statement, scheduled for the summer of 2012.

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Ashley Waldron  
Antoinette Walker-Smith  
Roger Hannah  
Brian Anderson

Attachments:

1. Attendee list
2. Meeting Presentation Slides (ML120310175)

**List of Registered Attendees**  
**Public Meeting Regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the**  
**Proposed International Isotopes Fluorine Extraction Process and**  
**Depleted Uranium Deconversion Plant**  
**February 2, 2012**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Jenise Dahlin	URENCO, USA
Jami Mount	Spherion Staffing
Paula Eggleton	Spherion Staffing
Miles Chedekef	
John W. Lawrence	Law Office of John W. Lawrence, PC
Clinton Rogerson	Baker Concrete Construction, Inc.
James H. Thomas	Advanced Process Technology Systems
Zachary Riley	Congressman Steve Pearce
Roberto Orrantia	Electrical Reliability Services
Garry Buie	City Commissioner
Guy Mansker	Power
Tim Burkhard	American E&I
Dale Darp	
John Miller	International Isotopes, inc.
P. Mike Brady	Parsons
Sharon Barreras	Parsons
Ross Ridenoure	Parsons
Tom Jones	Waste Control Specialists
Frederick Yarger	Energy Consultant
B. J. Choice, Sr.	Church
Beverly Allen Ananins	Senator Tom Udall
Lynn Ditto	Senator Jeff Bingham
Allison Krisza	URENCO USA Energy Solutions
Phil Kiser	URENCO USA Energy Solutions
Lance Crenshaw	Media
Kimberly Ryan	Hobbs New-Sun
Gerry Gresak	Intera, Inc.
Jeff McCool	New Mexico Junior College
Ron Black	Lea County Commissioner
Melinda Allen	EDC of Lea County
Frank Schmitt	
Phillip Roybal	New Mexico Junior College
Gary Sanford	URENCO USA
Paul Mason	URENCO USA
Sally Tomar	
Davis Tomar	
Tim Harney	UUSA
Allen Sorrell	Local Citizen – Supporter

**Name**

Marcia Sorrell  
Tim Jackson  
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Rose Gardner  
Michael Schmorleitz  
Donna Intermont  
Bill Sonnamaker  
David Jerr  
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Ward Brunkow  
Zackary Rad  
Karyn Wiemers  
Helen Huston  
M. J. Wiemers  
Leticia Hall  
David Russell  
Darwin Mecham  
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Gary Schubert  
Jonathan Sena  
Farok Sharif  
Mike Gallagher  
Lisa Hardison  
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Robert Hayes  
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