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Dear Mr. Yellow Thunder:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is pleased that you will participate in a public Commission meeting on uranium recovery, on February 20, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Conference Room on the first floor of the NRC's Headquarters building at One White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland. The Commission is interested in hearing your views, representing the Oglala Sioux Tribe, on these topics:

- Feedback on the Uranium Recovery Licensing Process
- Interactions with the NRC staff
- Implementation of the GEIS and related SEIS for ISR sites
- Section 106 Process
- Input into the Development of a Tribal Protocol Policy Manual


I am enclosing a copy of the meeting agenda for your information (enclosure 1). My staff will keep you informed of any updates to the agenda.

To assist the Commission in preparing for the meeting, please e-mail any written material, including slides/viewgraphs, to Ms. Rochelle Bavol and Ms. Sandy Joosten (rochelle.bavol@nrc.gov and sandy.joosten@nrc.gov) in the Office of the Secretary, by February 12, 2013, so that it can be distributed to the Commission for review in advance of the meeting. Enclosed are guidelines for slides, if you choose to use them (enclosure 2). PowerPoint is the preferred format, but other electronic presentation formats may be used. This Commission meeting will be webcast live at the Web address: www.nrc.gov. If you intend to use slides, they will also be posted on the NRC website prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Bavol at 301-415-1651.

Your presentation at the Commission meeting should be based on the assumption that Commissioners are familiar with the content of your written material. Please plan your oral presentation for 10 minutes, discussing the important points on which you wish to focus the Commission's attention.

The NRC Headquarters building is located opposite the White Flint Metro Station on Rockville Pike and Marinelli Drive, Rockville, Maryland. The White Flint Metro Station is on the Red Line of the Washington area subway system. Reserved visitor parking for Commission guests is available. If you wish to use reserved parking, please notify Ms. Bovol in advance. If reserved parking has been arranged; please check-in with the security staff at the entrance to the NRC campus on Marinelli Drive when you arrive. A Security Guard will call for an escort. Please note that visitors will be screened through metal detectors, will have their packages x-rayed, and will be required to present a picture identification card prior to signing in at the registration desk.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annette Vietti-Cook". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Annette Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosures:

1. Draft Agenda
2. Briefing Visuals Guidance

Final: 2/7/13 (Rev.)

SCHEDULING NOTE

Title: **BRIEFING ON URANIUM RECOVERY (Public Meeting)**

Purpose: To provide the Commission an update on the status and issues associated with the licensing of new uranium recovery facilities.

Scheduled: **February 20, 2013**
1:00 pm

Duration: Approx. 3 hours and 20 minutes

Location: Commissioners' Conference Room, 1st fl OWFN

Participants: **Presentation**

External Panel **70 mins.***

Federal Representatives

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 10 mins.*

Jonathan Edwards, Director, Radiation Protection Division

Topics:

- Status of Rulemaking on 40 CFR 192 and interactions with NRC staff

Cliff Rader, Director, National Energy Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance Division,
Office of Federal Activities

Topics:

- Implementation of the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) and related Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements (SEIS) for in-situ recovery sites (ISR) and interactions with NRC staff

Benjamin (Frank) Martin, Deputy Chief, Solid Minerals Division, 10 mins.*
Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of Interior

Topic:

- Status of Interactions Under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Bureau and NRC and the GEIS and related SEIS for ISR sites

Susan Hall, Scientist, U.S. Geological Survey 10 mins.*

Topic:

- Uranium Resources in the United States

State, Tribal, Industry and Other Interested Parties

Nancy Nuttbrock, Land Quality Division, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality 10 mins.*

Topic:

- Status of State Permit Reviews and Interactions with the NRC on Uranium Recovery Applications

Dennis Yellow Thunder, Natural Resources Technician, Oglala Sioux Tribe 10 mins.*

Topics:

- Feedback on the Uranium Recovery Licensing Process
- Interactions with the NRC staff
- Implementation of the GEIS and related SEIS for ISR sites
- Section 106 Process
- Input into the Development of a Tribal Protocol Policy Manual

Katie Sweeney, General Counsel, National Mining Association (NMA) 10 mins.*

Topics:

- Anticipated Applications – (How reliable are predicted application dates?)
- Feedback on Licensing Actions
- Interactions with the NRC staff
- Implementation of the GEIS and related SEIS for ISR sites and BLM MOU
- Industry Actions with Respect to Section 106
- Process Improvement Recommendations

Geoffrey Fettus, Senior Project Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) 10 mins.*

Topics:

- Feedback on the Uranium Recovery Licensing Process
- Interactions with the NRC staff
- Implementation of the GEIS and related SEIS for ISR sites

Commission Q & A 50 mins.

Break 5 mins.

NRC Staff 30 mins.*

Mike Weber, Acting Executive Director for Operations

Topic:

- Opening Remarks

Mark Satorius, Director, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Programs (FSME)

Topic:

- Overview of Uranium Recovery New Licensing Activities

Andrew Persinko, Deputy Director, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, FSME

Topics:

- Status of Licensing Activities
- Staff Actions to Apply Lessons Learned from Recent Licensing Actions and Enhance Program Efficiencies
- Staff Priorities and Budget Implications
- Overview of Industry and Public Interactions

Bill von Till, Chief, Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, FSME

Topics:

- Summary of Major Licensing Actions
- Types and Numbers of Ongoing License Maintenance Actions
- Projections for Future Licensing Actions

Kevin Hsueh, Chief, Environmental Review Branch, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, FSME

Topics:

- Implementation of the GEIS and related SEIS for ISR sites
- Status of Section 106 Process
- Environmental Review Process Improvements

Commission Q & A

50 mins.

Discussion – Wrap-Up

5 mins.

*For presentation only and does not include time for Commission Q & A's

Documents:

Staff background material distributed: February 6, 2013.

Slides due to SECY: February 12, 2013.

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