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NRC Issues License to AUC LLC for Reno Creek Uranium Recovery Facility in Wyoming

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued an operating license to AUC LLC for the Reno Creek uranium recovery facility in Campbell County, Wyo. AUC submitted the application in October 2012 for the <u>in situ recovery facility</u>, which uses a solution to extract uranium from underground ore, then pumps it to the surface for further processing.

The NRC's review of the application included an environmental review published in December 2016 as a <u>Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement</u> (EIS) that looked at site-specific impacts and referenced the agency's Generic EIS for in situ recovery facilities. The NRC also published a <u>Safety Evaluation Report</u>, which concluded the proposed facility can, in a safe manner, operate, manage radiological and chemical hazards, protect groundwater, and eventually cleanup and decommission.

The <u>Reno Creek license</u> and <u>more information on the Reno Creek application</u> are available on the NRC website.