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DOE ANNOUNCES NEW PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND LOCATION FOR UMTRA LAND RECORD ANNOTATION

The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) has announced a November 9, 1989, public hearing at the Two Rivers Plaza in Grand Junction, Colorado, to receive public comments on the Proposed Rule regarding the annotation of local land records for properties remediated under the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Project. The hearing will commence at 9:00 a.m.

The hearing was originally scheduled to be held in Washington, D.C. A new date and location were set at the request of the public to enable additional time for the preparation of comments, and to allow persons and businesses affected by the Rule to attend.

The hearing will provide an opportunity for presentations by interested individuals. Oral presentations at the hearing, in addition to written comments received, will aid the DOE in preparing the Final Rule. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the UMTRA Project Office at the address below and must be received by November 28, 1989.

The Proposed Rule was published in the July 14, 1989, Federal Register (Vol. 54; No. 134; pages 29732-29734). The Proposed Rule outlines a procedure to inform future purchasers of remediated processing sites and vicinity properties that the properties have been decontaminated in accordance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards. The Proposed Rule would require that the land records of the remediated properties be annotated by the state to indicate the extent of contamination removed, the date of removal, and the final radiological condition of the property.

Steven R. Miller, Attorney Adviser with the DOE Office of General Counsel in Washington, D.C., will preside over the hearing. The hearing will not be judicial or evidentiary in nature. There will be no cross examination of participants. Persons who wish to make statements at the hearing are requested to notify the Project Office before November 3, 1989 by calling 1-800-523-6495 (in New Mexico call 1-800-423-2539) and leave a message, or send requests to:

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Comments on the proposed rule will not be accepted over the phone. Comments must be written or made at the hearing. Persons who wish to speak at the

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