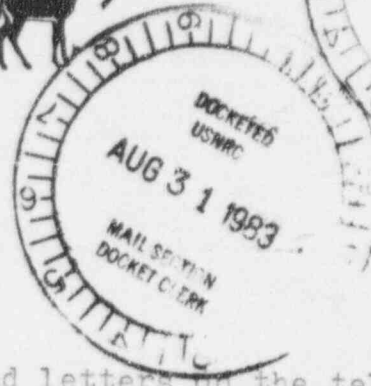


August 28, 1983
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John Linehan
U S Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Box 25325
Denver Co. 80225

Dear John:

We had discussed the enclosed letters on the telephone and I had meant to bring them with me to the meeting in Chadron. They are for your information.

I also meant to ask you at the Chadron meeting if you could tell me where I can get a copy of the projection for future uranium requirements. Could you let me know?

Also, would you please pass on to all concerned our sincere appreciation for a very informative meeting on August 25th.

Sincerely,

Ted E. Hoffman, Chairman
Board of Directors
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July 14, 1983

Mr. Ted E. Hoffman, Chairperson
Western Nebraska Resources Council
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Chadron, Nebraska 69337

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Thank you for your letter regarding your request to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a copy of Wyoming Fuels' application to proceed with the R & D phase of uranium mining near Crawford.

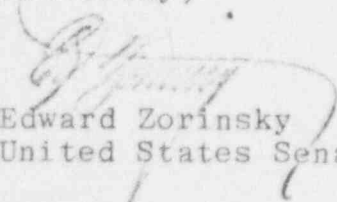
I will be happy to contact the NRC to help you obtain this information.

As you may know, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Control, in conjunction with the NRC, will hold a public hearing in early September on the application. Announcements will appear in local newspapers 30 days prior to the hearing.

As soon as a reply is received from the NRC, I will be back in touch with you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


Edward Zorinsky
United States Senator

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July 27, 1983

Ted Hoffman
RR 2, Box 61C
Chadron, NE 69337

Dear Ted,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to the U S Nuclear Regulatory Commission, regarding the permit application of Wyoming Fuel Company, to construct a pilot plant for in situ uranium solution mining. My staff assistant also told me of your telephone call regarding hearings and a possible environmental impact statement before an NRC license is issued. I would like to briefly reiterate the steps in the permit process and where the Wyoming Fuel Company's permit is, in the process.

As you know, the NRC cannot issue a license for an uranium mining Research & Development project until the state issues its permit. The Nebraska Department of Environmental Control is holding its hearing on the project in September. The Denver NRC office has received a request for public hearings on the proposed license. This material is being sent to the NRC office here in Washington. Once received, the licensing board will review the request and determine whether an NRC public hearing is necessary.

Of course, before any NRC license can be issued, an environmental impact analysis (EIA) must be done, to determine if the project will have a significant environmental impact. If so, an environmental impact statement (EIS) must be done. Drilling for water samples can be done before the license and environmental analysis is done. However, no chemical can be injected into the groundwater until the NRC license is obtained.

To make sure that all your concerns are completely and accurately answered, I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the NRC. As soon as I receive their reply, I will send it on to you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,


VIRGINIA SMITH
Member of Congress

VS:tc