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Re: Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed International  
Isotopes Fluorine Products Facility in Lea County, New Mexico  
(NRC Docket ID NRC-2010-0143)

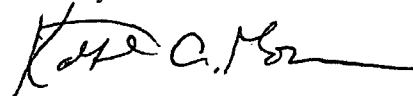
Dear Ms. Bladey,

I am a long time resident of Hobbs, New Mexico, and I am not able to attend the meeting here today seeking input about the above-referenced Draft EIS. Therefore I wish to submit the following comments regarding the Draft Report, which I have reviewed online.

I believe that the report, which is several hundred pages in length, is thorough and appropriately considers the factors required. I also agree with the conclusion stated in the Draft EIS that any potential negative impacts will be small with regard to the thirteen (13) areas listed (land, historical and cultural, visual and scenic, etc.). As someone who is familiar with the amount of dust that gets blown across the region during one of the frequent windy days in southeast New Mexico, I seriously question whether the dust generated during construction of the facility fourteen miles west of the nearest town will be noticed by anyone or cause any air quality issues, and I would characterize the impact on existing Air Quality as being small rather than moderate.

Also, I believe the positive economic and socio-economic and environmental justice effects will be more significant than stated in the report. The opportunity to develop cutting edge technology in the nuclear-medicine field will bring highly desirable jobs to the area and foster the development of the human resources needed to operate such a facility. The local population, which includes a high percentage of Hispanic peoples, will benefit from such opportunities. The schools and the community will benefit by the diversity that a new industry will bring. The community has seen that with the location of the National Enrichment Facility nearby as well. The impact of that development has been extremely positive on the community. Moreover, it is important to find new ways to get more from the nuclear material that is already generated. The license should be granted and the project should be allowed to move forward.

Sincerely,



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