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Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch **Division of Administrative Services** Office of Administration Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M **U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission** Washington, DC. 20555-001

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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 represent the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 611, with over 3000 members in the state of New Mexico. I am writing to you today to express my support for the proposed International Isotopes fluorine products facility located in Lea County, New Mexico. This is a positive step forward for Lea County in terms of providing safe, worthwhile jobs and economic diversification to the area. I am also impressed with the approach to protecting our environment via the prudent treatment of depleted uranium hexafluoride. In addition, I believe this facility will produce important fluoride products for our U.S. markets, becoming an asset to U.S. chemical manufacturing.

In reviewing the draft Environmental Impact Statement, it appears to thoroughly assess all the potential environmental impacts from the proposed facility and I concur with the NRC staff that the impacts would be minimal. Please note that I fully support the International Isotopes project and look forward to seeing it move forward.

Sincerely,

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