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NRC EXTENDS COMMENT PERIOD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON PROPOSED URANIUM FACILITY IN NEW MEXICO

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has extended until Dec. 18 the public comment period for its draft environmental impact statement on a proposed uranium enrichment facility to be built in Lea County, N.M. The deadline was extended because of the temporary unavailability of the agency's public document library on its Web site.

The original public comment period began Sept. 17 and was to expire Nov. 6. However, the NRC initiated a security review Oct. 25 of publicly available documents to ensure that potentially sensitive information is removed from the agency's Web site. Documents are being restored in stages as they are screened for sensitive information.

"The NRC remains committed to being an open regulatory agency," said Daniel M. Gillen, acting director of NRC's Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection. "Extending the public comment period is appropriate to allow members of the public to have time for access to relevant documents while developing their comments on the draft environmental impact statement."

The draft environmental impact statement on the proposed National Enrichment Facility is available on the NRC Web site at this address: <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/fuel-cycle-fac/ml043510316.pdf>. Public comments should be postmarked by Dec. 18 and submitted to the Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Mail Stop T6-D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. Please note docket number 70-3103. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to nrcprep@nrc.gov, or by facsimile to (301) 415-5397, attention Anna Bradford.

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