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To: Cindy Bladey,  
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Subject: Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed  
International Isotopes Fluorine Products Facility in Lea County, New Mexico  
(NRC Docket ID# NRC-40-9086)

Dear Ms. Bladey,

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with my comments on the proposed International Isotopes fluorine products facility in Lea County, New Mexico. I support this project and am convinced that it will be a positive contribution to Lea County and will fulfill an important role in the safe and environmentally sound treatment of depleted uranium hexafluoride. I also am confident the facility will produce important fluoride products for U.S. markets and be an asset to U.S. chemical manufacturing capability. I believe the draft Environmental impact Statement thoroughly reviews all of the potential environmental impacts from the proposed facility and I agree with the conclusions reached by the NRC staff that those impacts would be small.

Sincerely,

Michael Leighton  
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