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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,

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with comments on behalf of the Lea County Board of County Commissioners on the proposed International Isotopes (INIS) fluorine products facility in Lea County, New Mexico. The Board of County Commissioners support this project and believe that it will be a positive contribution to Lea County by providing safe, quality jobs and economic diversification to the area. The INIS facility will fulfill an important role in the safe and environmentally sound treatment of depleted uranium hexafluoride. This facility will produce important fluoride products for U.S. markets, which will be an asset to U.S. chemical manufacturing.

The draft Environmental impact Statement thoroughly reviews all of the potential environmental impacts from the proposed facility. The Board of Commissioners acknowledge the facility will have regulated air and water emissions at or below state and federal limits, as allowed by the NRC and New Mexico Environmental Department.

In August 2011, the Board of Commissioners approved the issuance of Lea County Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds Series 2010 in the amount of \$72,000,000 for the INIS facility. On January 24, 2012, the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution No. 12-JAN-006R (attached). This resolution resolves that the Lea County Board of Commissioners support locating the INIS Fluorine Products facility in Lea County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Gallagher".

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Attached: LC Resolution No. 12-JAN-006R

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