

May 31, 2012

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MEETING REPORT

DATE: Tuesday, May 1, 2012

TIME: See agenda (Attachment 1)

PLACE: The Courtyard by Marriott, Denver Downtown
934 16th Street
Denver, CO, 80202
303-260-4732

PURPOSE: This meeting was held at the request of Oregon Energy, LLC (Oregon Energy) to introduce the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff to Oregon Energy's Aurora Uranium Project in southwestern Oregon.

ATTENDEES:

See Attached Attendees List (Attachment 2).

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Energy is proposing a conventional mill to be co-located with a mine, both of which will be known as the Aurora Uranium Project. The site is located approximately 10 miles northwest of McDermitt, Nevada, and 3 miles north of the Oregon/Nevada border. This area of Oregon contains historic mining operations such as the Bretz Mercury Mine and the Opalite Mine.

DISCUSSION:

Oregon Energy presented a slide show that covered the following topics (Attachment 3):

- Mine and mill location
- Mine and mill description
- Preliminary tailings management plan
- Conceptual mill layout
- Current project status
- Development schedule

Oregon Energy described the uranium deposit as having a volcanic hosted deposit that is close to the surface. The plant will process approximately 2 million tons of ore per year. Tailings will be stored in an impoundment constructed in an existing valley.

Oregon Energy stated that the proposed mill is located near the Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation, and that it has been in close communication with the Tribe.

Enclosure

After the presentation, the NRC staff and State of Oregon staff discussed responsibility for regulating the site. The NRC staff stated that although the State of Oregon is an Agreement State, it does not have responsibility for 11e.(2) byproduct material. Therefore, the NRC would regulate the Aurora Uranium Project. The State of Oregon's Department of Justice did not concur with that statement and said that it was still investigating the issue. Further discussions will occur between NRC staff and the State of Oregon to resolve this issue.

ACTIONS:

None

ATTACHMENTS

1. Agenda
2. List of Attendees
3. Slide Presentation

AGENDA
Oregon Energy, LLC
Aurora Uranium Project
Tuesday, May 1, 2012

MEETING PURPOSE: To introduce Oregon Energy and the Aurora Uranium Project to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff. The project is located approximately 3 miles north of McDermitt, Nevada, in Oregon.

MEETING PROCESS:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Lead</u>
10:00 a.m.	Introductions	All
	Overview of Aurora Uranium Project and Oregon Energy Schedule	
	Oregon State Agencies and Their Perceived Roles	
	NRC's Relationship with Oregon State Agencies, Particularly Energy Facility Siting Council	NRC
	NRC's Relationship with BLM, NRC-BLM MOU, Joint NRC NEPA Documents	
	NRC's Application Process as It Relates to Project Timing	NRC
	Summary of Action Items	Moderator
	Public Comment/Questions	Moderator
11:00 a.m.	Adjourn	



MEETING ATTENDEES

Topic: Meeting With Oregon Energy, LLC
 Date/Time: May 1, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.
 Location: Courtyard by Marriott, Denver, CO

NAME	AFFILIATION
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Kevin Hsueh	USNRC
Lydia Chang	NRC
Bill van Tilt	NRC
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Vivian Campbell	US NRC
Tracey Stokes	NRC
Stephen Roy	USNRC
Janine F. Katanic	US NRC
Jean Alonso	CAMECO
Scott Bakken	Cameco
JOSH LEFTWICH	CAMECO
Michael Schierman	ERG
GRANT BRADY	GOLDER ASSOCIATES
Chad Darby	GOLDER ASSOCIATES
ANTHONY J. THOMPSON	THOMPSON + PUGSLEY

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AFFILIATION

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On the telephone :

Gary Gary Lynch	state of Oregon
Allysa Bobs	"
Todd Carpenter	"
Mo Walker	"
Sue Oliver	"
Janet Fillaspie	"
Larry Tottle	Center for Environmental Equity
Mike Shornton Shornton	Oregon Rural Action
Bob Repine	state of Oregon
Daryl Leon	state of Oregon
Paul Logan	"
Doug Mandeville	NRC
Elise Striz	NRC
John Saxton	NRC