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Mr. Steve Laflin, President & CEO
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED FLUORINE EXTRACTION PROCESS
AND DEPLETED URANIUM DECONVERSION PLANT IN LEA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO

Dear Mr. Laflin:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed NUREG-2113, "Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Fluorine Extraction Process and Depleted Uranium Deconversion Plant in Lea County, New Mexico." The Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) includes analysis of relevant environmental issues and documents the NRC's determinations regarding the potential environmental impacts from the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the proposed uranium processing facility.

Enclosed are copies of the Final EIS and the associated *Federal Register* notice of availability. The notice advises the public that the Final EIS has been published by the NRC and identifies how the Final EIS can be accessed. A separate notice of filing of the Final EIS will be placed in the *Federal Register* by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

As discussed in the Final EIS, the NRC staff recommends that, unless safety or other relevant issues mandate otherwise, the proposed license be issued. This recommendation is based on: (1) the environmental report and revisions and supplementary information submitted by International Isotopes Projects, Inc.; (2) the staff's consideration of comments related to the environmental review that were received during the public scoping process and the Draft EIS public comment period; (3) consultation with Federal, Tribal, State, and local agencies; (4) the staff's independent review; and (5) the assessments summarized in the FEIS.

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Asimios Malliakos, Project Manager, by phone at 301-415-6458, or by e-mail at Asimios.Mallaikos@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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