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The NRC has discussed the issue of a hearing regarding the Pinon Ridge mill license with the State of Colorado for the past year. Separately, an individual used the NRC's Allegations program to raise a concern regarding the license and whether a hearing was required under the Atomic Energy Act. After considering all the available information, including filings in the lawsuit over the license, the NRC concluded the evidence supports the individual's concern. The NRC has an obligation to provide that conclusion to the individual. The NRC has responded appropriately to media questions after the individual released the NRC's conclusion on his own. The State of Colorado indicated to the NRC in August that it would be modifying its regulations to better conform to the Atomic Energy Act, and the NRC's Feb. 27 letter simply asks for more details on how the state will proceed. The NRC has received the state's March 7 letter and will reply as appropriate.