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Mr. Geoffrey Fettus
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Dear Mr. Fettus::

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is pleased that you will participate in a public Commission briefing on Uranium Recovery, on November 29, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. The Commission is interested in hearing your views on the uranium recovery licensing process. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Conference Room on the first floor of the NRC's Headquarters building at One White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland. I am enclosing a copy of the meeting agenda for your information (enclosure). My staff will keep you informed of any updates to the agenda.

To assist the Commission in preparing for the meeting, please e-mail any written material, including slides, to Ms. Denise McGovern (Denise.McGovern@nrc.gov) and Ms. Pamela Shea (Pamela.Shea@nrc.gov) in the Office of the Secretary, by **November 21, 2016**, so that it can be distributed to the Commission for review in advance of the meeting. PowerPoint is the preferred format, but other electronic presentation formats may be used. This Commission meeting will be webcast live at the Web address: www.nrc.gov, and materials provided for the meeting will be posted on the NRC public website prior to the meeting: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/commission/tr/>. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. McGovern at 301-415-0681.

Your presentation at the Commission meeting should be based on the assumption that Commissioners are familiar with the content of your written material. Please plan your oral presentation for about 10 minutes, discussing the important points on which you wish to focus the Commission's attention. Please avoid the use of acronyms where possible. If you do use acronyms, please explain them during your presentation.

The NRC Headquarters building is located opposite the White Flint Metro Station on Rockville Pike and Marinelli Drive, Rockville, Maryland. The White Flint Metro Station is on the Red Line of the Washington area subway system. Reserved visitor parking for Commission guests is

available. If you wish to use reserved parking, please notify Ms. McGovern in advance. If reserved parking has been arranged, please check-in with the security staff at the entrance to the NRC campus on Marinelli Drive when you arrive. A Security Guard will call for an escort.

Please note that visitors will be screened through metal detectors, will have their packages X-rayed, and will be required to present a picture identification card prior to signing in at the registration desk.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Annette Vietti-Cook", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Annette Vietti-Cook
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosures:
Draft Agenda

Title: **BRIEFING ON URANIUM RECOVERY (Public Meeting)**

Purpose: To provide the Commission an update on the status and issues associated with the licensing and oversight of uranium recovery facilities.

Scheduled: **November 29, 2016**
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Duration: Approx. 3 hours

Location: Commissioners' Conference Room, 1st fl OWFN

Participants:	Presentation
<u>External Panel</u>	50 mins.*
Reid Nelson, Director , Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	10 mins.*
<u>Topic:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 106 process • Interactions with NRC staff 	
Ms. Yufna Soldier Wolf , Director, Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Northern Arapaho Tribe	10 mins.*
<u>Topic:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 106 process • Interactions with NRC staff 	
Todd Parfitt, Director , Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, State of Wyoming	10 mins.*
<u>Topic:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of Agreement State Application 	
Katie Sweeney , General Counsel, National Mining Association (NMA)	10 mins.*
<u>Topic:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on current licensing and operation of new uranium recovery facilities 	
Geoffrey Fettus , Senior Project Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)	10 mins.*
<u>Topic:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on the Uranium Recovery Licensing Process 	
Commission Q & A	30 mins.
Break	5 mins.

NRC Staff

40 mins.*

Victor M. McCree, Executive Director for Operations

Topic:

- Opening Remarks

Marc Dapas, Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)

Topic:

- Overview of Uranium Recovery Activities

John Tappert, Director, Division of Decommissioning, Uranium Recovery, and Waste Programs, NMSS

Topics:

- Program Priorities
- Status of Wyoming Agreement State Request

Bill von Till, Chief, Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch, Division of Decommissioning, Uranium Recovery, and Waste Programs, NMSS

Topics:

- Summary of Major Licensing Actions
- Accomplishments and Challenges

Diana Diaz-Toro, Project Manager, Environmental Review Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety, Safeguards, and Environmental Review, NMSS

Topics:

- Section 106 Process Activities and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Accomplishments and Challenges

Mark Shaffer, Director, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, R IV

Topics:

- Oversight of Operating Sites

Commission Q & A

30 mins.

Discussion – Wrap-Up

5 mins.

*For presentation only and does not include time for Commission Q & A's

Documents:

- Slides due to NRC: **November 21, 2016**