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Re: United States Uranium and Nuclear Conference

Dear Joe:

I enjoyed meeting with you this week. Enclosed is a copy of the Riverton agenda.

Very truly yours,



Jon J. Indall

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DRAFT AS OF 1/28/97**UNITED STATES URANIUM AND NUCLEAR CONFERENCE****Riverton, Wyoming March 20 and 21, 1997****Holiday Inn Convention Center**

Theme: "To highlight the resurgence of the uranium mining and milling industry in Wyoming and the nation, and to discuss nuclear energy's future."

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Arrival and Registration, Riverton Holiday Inn

6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Ice Breaker Social

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

7:00 to 8:00 a.m. Registration; rolls and coffee

8:00 a.m. Welcome: Dennis Tippetts, Mayor, City of Riverton

Conference Introduction: Senator Robert A. Peck

Setting the Stage: Rob Luke, President, Rio Algom Mining Corp.

SESSION I GEOLOGY AND URANIUM RESOURCES

Session Chairman: Jim Crouch, Chief Engineer, Lucky Mc Mine, Pathfinder (COGEMA)

8:30 a.m. Uranium Exploration, Geology and Mining
Ray E. Harris, Staff Geologist, Uranium, Wyoming State Geological Survey

9:15 a.m. Tall Tales from the Uranium Boom
Sam Stanbury, H. Jean Baker, Roy Coulson, Bill Bush, Mo Trover,
Lowell Morfield, Farrell Brough, Don Snow, Ian Ritchie, Jerry Bryant

10:00 a.m. Coffee Break

10:15 a.m. The Uranium Come Back: In Situ Leach Mining
Steve Morzenti

10:45 a.m. Uranium, Environmental Sub-Committee Report
Katie Sweeney, National Mining Association

11:00 a.m. James C. Case, Wyoming State Geological Survey, "Seismic Hazard Analyses
for Wyoming's Uranium Industry."

11:15 a.m. Radiation: A Friend, Not a Foe
Philip A. Anderson, Advisory Scientist, Idaho Academy of Science

12:15 p.m. Luncheon Key Note Speaker: Jerry Grandey, Vice President, Cameco
Chairman, The Uranium Institute (Invited)

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THURSDAY, MARCH 20, CONT'D.

SESSION II URANIUM MINING AND MILLING

Session Chairman: Crew Schmitt, President and CEO, Power Resources, Inc.

1:30 p.m.

United States Uranium Production Leaders

John W. Rowsen, General Manager, COGEMA Mining Inc.
Crew Schmitt, President & CEO, Power Resources, Inc.
Steve Collings, Vice President, Crow Butte Resources, Inc.
Marvin Freeman and/or Bill Ferdinand, Rio Algom Mining Corp.
William McKnight, Vice President, Uranium Resources, Inc.
Rich Ziegler, Vice President, Cotter Corporation

Glean Catchpole, CIS ISL Projects

2:30 p.m.

U.S. Enrichment Corporation

2:50 p.m.

Production and Non-production Supply
Tom Pool, International Nuclear Inc.

3:20 p.m.

Coffee Break - Sponsored by Fleischli Oil Company

3:35 p.m.

United States Uranium Production Potential
David R. Miller, Manager, ISL Resources Assessment, COGEMA Mining, Inc.

4:10 p.m.

U.S. Energy Green Mountain Mining Venture, et. al.
John L. Larsen, President, U.S. Energy Corp.

6:00 p.m.

Social Gathering

6:30 p.m.

U.S. Uranium and Nuclear Banquet
Speaker: General Donald G. Cook, Commander, F. E. Warren Air Force Base

Entertainment, Laurel Wicks

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FRIDAY, MARCH 21

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet

SESSION III RECLAMATION, REGULATORY POLICY

Session Chairman: Rep. Bruce Hinchey, Speaker, Wyoming House of Representatives

8:15 a.m. Mining and Milling Reclamation Status

Panel Chair: Donna Wichers, COGEMA, Manager, ISL Environmental & Regulatory Services
Lee Nugent, General Manager, Reclamation, Lucky Mc Mine, Pathfinder Mines Corp.
John Gearhart, Resident Agent, Western Nuclear, Inc., Split Rock Mill
UMETCO Minerals Corporation, Grand Junction Office
Stan Bernard, AML Division and Mark Moxley, Wyoming DEQ
Michael J. Franko, Project Manager, Petrochemicals Company
Gary Chase or Eric Scott, Bear Uranium Company
Joseph J. Holonich, Chief-Uranium Recovery, NRC

9:15 a.m. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Stirley Jackson, Director, NRC (Invited)
Joseph J. Holonich, Chief, NRC, "Status of Regulatory Streamlining for Uranium, ISL and Conventional"

10:00 a.m. Coffee Break - Sponsored by Fleischli Oil Company

10:15 a.m. Final Restoration Standards for ISL Mining

Panel Chair: Donna Wichers, Manager, COGEMA, Manager, ISL Environmental & Regulatory Services
Dennis Hemmer, Director, Department of Environmental Quality
Rick Chancellor, Land Quality Division Administrator, DEQ
W. F. Kearney, Superintendent, Highland Uranium Project, Power Resources, Inc.
Bill Ferdinand, Operations Manager, Rio Algom Mining Corp.
Joseph Holonich, Chief-Uranium Recovery, NRC
Senator Bill Hawke, Minerals, Business & Economic Dev. Committee, Wyoming Legislature

11:15 a.m. Future of Mixed Oxide Fuels (MOX)

Speaker: Robert E. Moyer, Manager Uranium Marketing, COGEMA, Inc.

12:15 p.m. Noon Luncheon Sponsored by COGEMA, Inc.

Speaker: "The Future of Nuclear Power"
Executive from Arizona Power (Invited)
Introduced by Robert O. Anderson, President, NEW Corporation

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FRIDAY, MARCH 21 CONTINUED

SESSION IV URANIUM AND NUCLEAR ENERGY'S FUTURE

Session Chairman: Oscar A. Paulson, Sweetwater Mill, Rawlins, Wyoming

- 1:30 p.m. Solving the Waste Storage Challenges
- Using Wyoming Uranium Mill Sites for ISL Waste in a Central Location:
 Panelists: David A. Finley, Solid Waste Management Supervisor, Wyoming DEQ
 Paul Hildenbrand, Manager of Environment/Regulatory Affairs, Power Resources, Inc.
 Charlotte Abrams, Project Manager, Uranium Recovery Branch, Waste Management, NRC
 Bob Poyser, Environmental Manager, COGEMA, Inc.
 Steve Collings, Crow Butte
- 2:15 p.m. Privatization of Spent Fuel Storage -- Related Initiatives
 Speaker: Ed Davis, President And CEO, NAC International
 Introduced by Robert O. Anderson, President, NEW Corporation
- 2:45 p.m. What's happening at WIPP?
 George Bryce and Sue Johns, Department of Energy
- 3:00 p.m. Status of Yucca Mountain
 Department of Energy
- 3:15 p.m. Coffee Break -Sponsored by Fleischli Oil Company
- 3:30 p.m. Nuclear Energy's Future
 Panel Chairman: Hal Herron, U.S Energy GMMV
- "Will there be financing for nuclear/uranium development?"
 Terry Cryan, Vice President, Paine Webber, New York
 Gordon Pridham, Vice Chairman, Research Capital Ltd., Toronto, Ontario
- Impacts of Utility Restructuring
 Ken Miller, Expansion Manager, Thunder Basin Coal Co. ARCO
- 4:15 p.m. Wyoming's Congressional Delegation (Invited) S. Senator Craig Thomas,
 U.S. Senator Mike Enzi, US Representative Barbara Cubin
- 4:45 p.m. Unanswered Questions Conference Wrap Up
 Wyoming Geological Survey
- 6:00 p.m. Social Gathering
- 6:30 p.m. Concluding Banquet Speakers: FedERICA Pina, Secretary of Energy (Invited)
 Senator Frank H. Murkowski, (R-Alaska) Chairman, Energy & Natural Resources
 U.S. Representative W. J. (Billy) Tauzin (D-3-Louisiana) Commerce and Resources Committees

Saturday, March 22: Morning: Tour of the Gas Hills Uranium District for those interested

Women's Activities: Iris Trover, Riverton, Chairperson