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Re: Final EIS for the Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility Project (NUREG-1945)
EPA Project Number: 09-022-NRC

Dear Dr. Lemont:

In accordance with our authorities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed **Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility (ERF) Project** (CEQ # 20110045) in Idaho Falls, Bonneville County, Idaho.

In our comments on the draft EIS in September 2010, EPA expressed environmental concerns about water and air quality and biological resources impacts. We recommended the FEIS discuss measures to avoid, reduce, and mitigate impacts to those resources, and NRC to coordinate with other agencies working to protect the resources in the project area and vicinity.

The FEIS was responsive to our comments on the draft EIS. In particular, we appreciate additional clarifying information on measures to protect soils, and to prevent water and air quality degradation within the project area. We are also pleased that NRC added low impact development practices to their list of recommended mitigation measures. Your responses address our concerns.

If you have questions about our comments, please contact me at (206) 553-1601 or Theo Mbabaliye of my staff at (206) 553-6322 or by e-mail at mbabaliye.theogene@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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