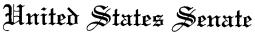
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Breeda Reilly Project Manager U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington DC 20555-0001

Dear Ms. Reilly:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comments for the proposed uranium enrichment facility to be constructed near Idaho Falls, Idaho. As you know, I have been an advocate for the continued development of nuclear power and was involved in the process that culminated in AREVA announcing its decision to build in Idaho Falls. The Eagle Rock Enrichment plant will use proven, safe technology to bring up to 300 fulltime green jobs to Idaho. Throughout its planning and construction phases and continuing with its daily operations, the facility will have an enormous positive impact on the local and regional economy.

My support for the Eagle Rock Enrichment plant is a reflection of my support for nuclear power in general. It is a clean source of abundant energy that even now plays a critical role in our nation's energy security. Further investment in nuclear power will create green jobs, reduce carbon emissions and move Idaho and the nation to the forefront of nuclear technology, allowing the United States to become a world leader in clean energy.

I would also like to thank the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for its efforts to provide opportunities to engage the public in the licensing process. I have learned the most successful nuclear projects are the ones in which information flows freely between interested parties and the public is given ample opportunities to learn about the proposals. By meeting with local officials and holding this public hearing the NRC has begun the process of public outreach that I believe will ensure the success of the Eagle Rock facility.

Thank you for holding this hearing, and I urge you to support AREVA's license application for the Eagle Rock Enrichment Plant when the time comes.

Larry E. Craig United States Servicer

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Breeda Reilly, Project Manager U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington DC 20555-0001

Ms. Reilly:

I would like to express my support for the Eagle Rock Uranium Enrichment Plant that is scheduled to be built and operated in Bonneville County, Idaho. In May 2007, AREVA, the global nuclear services supplier, informed me of their intention to build its first uranium enrichment plant in the United States. At that time I, along with the rest of the Congressional Delegation, encouraged and facilitated AREVA's search for suitable sites in Idaho. Twelve months later AREVA announced their intention to site the appropriately-named Eagle Rock Uranium Enrichment Plant in Southeastern Idaho.

Now more than ever, it is critical to develop secure, economically-feasible and clean supplies of domestic energy. AREVA's Eagle Rock Plant will increase domestic uranium enrichment capacity, enabling the nation to meet important national energy security goals. The Idaho enrichment plant will supply America's existing operating fleet of nuclear power reactors and further augment the anticipated growth of new commercial nuclear power generation here in the U.S.

AREVA will submit the Eagle Rock Enrichment Plant license application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) before the end of the year. As a citizen of Idaho, I look forward to a rigorous and timely review of the license application by the NRC. The enrichment technology that AREVA plans to construct and operate in Idaho has been demonstrated in Europe, and the NRC has already licensed an identical enrichment plant here in the United States. It is important for the local community to have access to and understand the NRC licensing process. It is my hope that, upon receiving the Eagle Rock license application, the NRC will establish and make public a license review schedule.

The Eagle Rock Enrichment Plant will only enhance the existing global recognition of Idaho's place as a leader in nuclear technology development. The State's history and success with the Idaho National Laboratory indicates that we can confidently ensure a long-term relationship with a responsible and responsive business partner like AREVA.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Commission and other stakeholders as this process progresses.

Respectfully,

Mike Crapo

United States Senator, Idaho

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December 9, 2008

#### Dear NRC Commissioners:

I want to take this opportunity to express my strong and unequivocal support for AREVA's license application on the Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility. This is a strong application being offered by one of the world's leading nuclear energy companies.

As you know, our nation is at a critical juncture in terms of taking the necessary steps to end our reliance on foreign sources of energy and achieve the energy independence so critical to our economic and national security. The Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility represents an extremely vital investment by AREVA in our nation's energy future and is critical to any effort we make as a nation toward energy independence.

AREVA has a strong record of corporate achievement and safe operations. I have visited AREVA Inc.'s parent company's facilities in France myself and saw firsthand the way in which they maintain their facilities, secure their sites against any potential threat, and coordinate with their workers to ensure world-class operations. This is a good company with a great safety history and impressive record right here in the United States, as well as across the globe.

I am also proud to say that AREVA could not have chosen a better site for the Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility. The NRC is well aware of the prominent place Eastern Idaho and its residents have in the long history of civilian nuclear energy research, development and operations. The people of Eastern Idaho have embraced this project and will put their expertise and know how to good use in working with AREVA to make this facility a reality. For myself, I couldn't be more proud of the effort Eastern Idahoans have put into bringing the Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility to Idaho and the immense talent they will bring to its construction and operation.

In closing, I would like to stress the near unanimous support in Idaho for this project. The Governor and State Legislature strongly support it. City and Local Governments support it. The entire Idaho Congressional Delegation strongly supports it. And most importantly, the people of our state strongly support the location of this facility here in Idaho.

Thank you for taking time to come to Idaho and hear firsthand the way in which AREVA and the Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility have been embraced in our state, and I encourage you to act expeditiously in considering and approving the license application before you. Our nation cannot wait any longer to embrace new nuclear energy technologies such as that offered in this license application if we are going to maintain our standard of living, grow our economy, reduce carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere, and end our reliance on foreign dictators and international thugs for our energy needs,

Mike Simpson

Sincerel

Member of Congress



# C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER

December 10, 2008

Breeda Reilly Project Manager U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington DC 20555-0001

Dear Ms. Reilly,

On behalf of the State of Idaho, please accept my sincere thanks for the chance to express my strong support for AREVA NC Inc.'s Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility license application.

While I regret my inability to be with you tonight, I recognize the critical importance of this licensing process and the opportunity it provides to endorse the project's advancement.

AREVA's venture represents the culmination and natural progression of eastern Idaho's decades of knowledgeable support for nuclear power. It also reflects the important role that clean, efficient, safe nuclear power must play if the United States is to become energy independent.

Idaho is ready, willing and able to do its part as the nuclear industry ramps up to meet America's and the world's growing demand. What's more, AREVA's enviable record of safety and corporate citizenship is consistent with what the people of Idaho expect from such a respected company. Its resources and commitment to excellence are compelling evidence of AREVA's world-class operations and capabilities.

As Always - Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

C.L. "Butch" Otter Governor of Idaho

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Ms. Brenda Reilly Project Manager U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington D. C. 20555-0001

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Constituents of Legislative District 32 in the Great State of Idaho, please accept my sincere thanks for the chance to express my strong support for AREVA 's Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility license application.

I recognize the critical importance of this licensing process hearing and the opportunity it provides to endorse the project's advancement toward ultimately providing our country with the ability to produce the good, clean energy which it desperately needs.

AREVA's venture represents a natural progression of eastern Idaho's decades of knowledgeable support and research for the creation and development of nuclear power. AREVA is a sound, knowledge company that will make a good partner to continue and advance the nuclear power for the future. What's more, AREVA's record of safety and corporate citizenship is consistent with what the people of Eastern Idaho expect from such a partner in the nuclear industry. It's resources and commitment to excellence are compelling evidence of ARE VA's world-class operations and capabilities.

This project is hopefully the start of a growth toward energy independence and reflects the important role that clean, efficient, safe nuclear power must play in the future growth of the United States. I believe Eastern Idaho and Idaho are ready, willing and able to do its part as the nuclear industry ramps up to meet America's and the world's growing demand.

Again, I want to voice my strong and vocal support for this AREVA project and for the good clean energy that is produced by nuclear power.

Sincerely,

Dean M. Mortimer

Senator, Legislative District 32

State of Idaho

Good evening. I'm Idaho State Representative Erik Simpson. I serve on the Legislature's Environment, Energy, and Technology Committee.

In 2007, the Legislature approved the Idaho Energy Plan, which discusses the need for Idaho to adopt a diverse energy portfolio to address its energy needs. Although the Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility is not an energy-producing plant, it will enrich uranium to be used for nuclear fuel, which will provide emissions-free power.

I view Areva, and in particular its proposed enrichment facility, as an important catalyst in advancing the state's energy plan and spotlighting the importance of nuclear power.

Currently, just one percent of the power transmitted into Idaho is nuclear generated. I want to emphasize to utility companies that Idaho is the birthplace of nuclear power generation and if you want public support for a new commercial nuclear power plant try building it where it all began – right here in EASTERN Idaho.

I've spoken several times with Areva management about its enrichment facility. This company is respected internationally and will be a great environmental steward here in Idaho.

I urge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to give Areva the green light to proceed to the next phase of the permitting process.

Rep. Erik Simpson 6117 N. 5th W. Idaho Falls, ID 83401

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## House of Representatives State of Idaho

December 10, 2008

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to express my strong support for AREVA'S Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility license application.

AREVA'S venture represents the commitment of eastern Idaho support for nuclear power. It also reflects the important role that clean, safe nuclear power must play if the United States is to become energy independent.

Idaho is poised to lead the way to energy independence, and serve as a model to the rest of the nation. During the last legislative session, I supported legislation that benefited AREVA'S presence in Idaho. I believe that the company has the technology and the experience to produce enriched uranium in a safe manner. Coupled with the expertise of the employees at the INL and the Center For Advanced Energy Sciences (CAES), AREVA and southeast Idaho is ready, willing, and able to do its part as the nuclear industry ramps up to meet growing demand.

In the past six years as a state representative, this is the most exciting opportunity I have witnessed for the state of Idaho. It will help our state develop a very strong economy, and provide many high paying jobs. Nothing is more critical than creating jobs in this difficult recession.

Most sincerely,

Representative McGeachin

## CITY OF IDAHO FALLS



Office of the Mayor City Hall Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405

12/10/08

I want to personally thank the NRC for coming to Idaho Falls in regard to Areva's intention to build a multibillion dollar uranium enrichment facility in Bonneville County. I won't take much of your time because I believe you heard most of my thoughts yesterday morning when you met with our City Council.

I want to again reiterate my support for the Eagle Rock Uranium Enrichment facility. This will have a positive impact not only in our communities but for the state of Idaho and the country. But that's not the only reason why I'm supporting this.

We are constantly reminded about the energy crisis our nation is faced with and even though gas prices are down at this time, I think we all have seen how things can quickly change. In my opinion, there has never been a greater time for our nation history to come together in solving our energy needs. One of the ways we can accomplish that is by tapping into the technology and resources not only found within our country but also throughout the world.

Areva has already established themselves in our country and now they are proposing to build a proven technology that can help us in providing a valuable energy resource we previously did not have available to us. This type of energy will be clean and efficient and will contribute to our nation's goal to seek and implement clean energy technology.

I have done some research of Areva's proposed facility as well as other existing plants they currently are operating. I have complete confidence in their ability to bring in a safe energy product that will not put our citizens or **environment** at risk

I also have complete confidence in the Department of Energy's role in shipping out the low level waste left from the enrichment process. The clean up contractors at the INL have already demonstrated the ability to safely ship large amount of waste from our state in a timely manner and I would expect the same type of service when the Enrichment facility is operational. I like many of you have children and family members who live in cities within the region and I feel they will not be at risk in any way in regards to this facility.

I am grateful that technology is progressing to the point that we can begin to take care of our clean energy needs within our own country and to stop being so reliant on foreign supplies. Nuclear is one of the best solutions available in our country and our children and grandchildren will depend upon it.

Respectfully,

Jared D. Fuhriman



Breeda Reilly Project Manager U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington DC 20555-0001

Dear Breeda,

I would like to express my support for AREVA's Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility license application in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

The City of Rexburg is twenty-five miles north of Idaho Falls and our community recognizes the important role that nuclear energy must play along with alternative fuels and renewable energy for the United States to become energy independent. This facility will not only benefit our region and state, but will ultimately play an important role as America ends its dependency on foreign oil, which is a threat to our national security, our environment, and our economy.

I appreciate the mission of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in allowing the use of nuclear materials to benefit civilian purposes while ensuring that people and the environment are protected. I support the NRC in moving forward with the licensing process and look forward to reviewing their findings.

Sincerely,

Shawn Larsen

Mayor

#### Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

### Statement on AREVA's Projected Uranium Enrichment Facility Construction

#### 12-10-08

Two years ago, Mayor Fuhriman decided that one of his goals during his time as mayor was to see youth become more active in the community. To obtain that goal, he created the Idaho Falls Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, a group of youth who would meet with him twice a month to discuss ways to get involved in the community as well as how to bring in other youth. We are here tonight as representatives of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council to continue the achievement of the goal of youth involvement in the community by expressing our support for AREVA and its plans in Eastern Idaho.

Among the primary purposes for the founding of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council is the desire to provide a voice for youth to express their opinions. We have discussed this matter in our meetings, with students from each of the schools in the area in attendance. As a body, we have come to the conclusion that the construction of the facility AREVA plans to build will greatly benefit our community as a whole, and especially the Youth.

Nuclear Energy has been a feared technology in the past in the United States. Yet, since the accidents that have given nuclear energy such a bad name, most notably Three Mile Island and Chernobyl, changes in technology have made nuclear energy a much safer source of power, as have increased safety regulations. Nuclear energy is also much less harmful to the environment it operates in than most of our current widespread energy sources. Thus, there is much less cause to fear nuclear energy, and with our current energy crisis in the nation, much more cause to embrace a clean and efficient energy source.

Beyond that, however, the construction of the uranium enrichment facility will greatly benefit our community economically. It will create employment for more than one thousand people, either during the construction phase or the actual operation of the facility, and several hundred indirectly related jobs as well. By the time construction begins, there will likely be a number of those currently known as youth employed as construction workers. Once the facility is completed, there will be openings for people to actually operate it, and many of these positions will be filled by those who are right now finishing high school and looking for a field to go into. So, as a group that will be greatly affected by this project, we feel it is important for us to show our support. Not only will this project greatly stimulate our economy, circulating several million dollars a year, but it will also greatly benefit the youth of our community, in that they will be those who get to reap some of the first benefits of this project.

For the reasons stated, we feel that this project greatly benefits our community, specifically the youth. As representatives of the youth, therefore, we would like to urge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to move along with the licensing process for this project as quickly as possible.

Andrew Stephenson
President
Mayor's Youth Advisory Council
Idaho Falls, Idaho

#### NRC PUBLIC MEETING, DEC. 10, 2008, Idaho Falls, ID AREVA NC INC., EAGLE ROCK ENRICHMENT FACILITY LICENSE

My name is Ann Rydalch. I chair the Energy Committee for the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL), with their headquarters in Washington, DC, and NFWL is comprised of current and past women elected officials as members, from throughout the nation. I was also selected as NFWL Historian and now a member of the Board of Directors. I am also a member of the Board of Directors for the Partnership for Science & Technology here in Idaho Falls. I do work at the INL.

This NRC public meeting is timely for me because my NFWL Energy Committee just met two weeks ago, and during that committee meeting, I offered a resolution, which partly includes the NRC, regarding the importance of having a dependable energy future, and part of it relevant to this meeting tonight. I won't take time to read that resolution but will point out that two of the "Whereas" paragraphs point out that base-load electricity using nuclear power must be greatly expanded in the federal government's Loan Guarantee Program and partnership with the private sector to increase building nuclear power plants and other enrichment facilities is important, with the Idaho National Lab designated as the lead DOE lab for nuclear energy technology and development; and the other "Whereas", more pertinent to NRC, states the regulations and licensing processes for refineries, enrichment facilities, nuclear, renewable and non-renewable plants are necessary to allow assurance for large capital investments; however, a clear and streamlined process is important. This committee approved resolution will be forwarded soon, to the Pres. Elect, Congress/Admin., and the NRC. Having the right tools, like this enrichment facility, for nuclear energy development is not just an Idaho dream. Committee resolutions passed by my committee members representing many states in previous years, have shown support for nuclear energy and encouraged a balanced portfolio of energy choices for consumers.

From all that has been studied, we know the nation needs the project. Reports stress that the demand for enrichment services will exceed capacity. Utilities rely on these facilities. We don't want U.S. enrichment needs, to be supplied, by foreign enrichment services. Rapid review within clear guidelines is important. The cost of construction materials in building new plants is escalating daily. The longer projects are delayed, the more they cost. Large capital investment projects must have assurances. A rapid review and clear processes will help provide that.

My thanks to the NRC for holding this public meeting and the chance for me to express my strong support for AREVA NC Inc., Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility license application, and the importance of having a clear and streamlined process with a rapid review for this license. Thank you.

Ann Rydalch, (Retired State Senator & Representative) Chair, NFWL Energy Committee and Board Member, and Board Member for Partnership for Science & Technology 3824 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Idaho Falls, ID 83406



Breeda Reilly, Project Manager U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

RE: Areva NRC Public Meeting - December 10, 2008, Shilo Inn, Idaho Falls, Idaho

To Ms. Reilly and staff:

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Sincerely,

Celeste James

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Sonja Monson

Manager / Vice President



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Sandra Boyle

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Carol Johnson

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Leann Horsburgh



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Marilyn J. Fife

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Carol Jensen



Lee Staker, First Vice-Chair Commissioner, Bonneville County

Steve Hadley, Second Vice-Chair Commissioner, Bannock County

Robert Hansen, Secretary

Commissioner, Madison County

Ms. Breeda Reilly U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Washington, DC 20555-0001

Jared Fuhriman, Treasurer Mayor, City of Idaho Falls

Dear Ms. Reilly:

December 10, 2008

The Regional Development Alliance, Inc. (RDA) strongly supports the development of the Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility.

Mark Stauffer Commissioner, Butte County

The RDA is a regional investment corporation with board members representing both private and public leadership in the counties surrounding the proposed site. We have been investing directly in business concerns throughout eastern Idaho since 1997. We were also a successful recipient of a DOE Site Studies Grant under the GNEP site identification and studies process.

Steven England Mayor, City of Chubbuck

Nuclear energy has long been a part of Idaho. The characteristics of nuclear science and energy production are part of the fabric of eastern Idaho. We believe that nuclear energy is, and will be, a critical part of our national energy production portfolio far into the future. We are not only willing to be part of that future, but openly seek to

A. Ladd Carter Commissioner, Bingham County

The proposed Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility is a comfortable addition to eastern Idaho's nuclear energy history and to our sense of place and community. The communities surrounding the proposed site have worked hard since the 1950s to establish the region as a center for nuclear science, security, education and energy production. The Eagle Rock Facility will be a welcome addition to those decades long efforts.

actively participate in advancing nuclear energy in the United States and abroad.

Shawn Larsen Mayor, City of Rexburg

Ron Baxter Commissioner, Jefferson County

Along with the proposed facility we are confident positive economic impacts will inure to the benefit of the region. Our research leads us to believe that total economic output from plant construction and operations will result in \$170 to \$190 million annually with \$5.1 to \$5.7 billion over a 30 year plant life.

We are confident in the abilities and safety record of AREVA. They are a dedicated and proven company. Their process of site selection has first and foremost been

precise and scientific. Their answers to our questions have been open, direct and

Mike Virtue Mayor, City of Blackfoot

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Commissioner, Custer County

We strongly encourage the NRC to move rapidly forward in clearing the way for construction of the Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility in eastern Idaho.

Sincerely,

Timothy L. Solomon Executive Director

cc: Board of Directors



10 December 2008

Breeda Reilly Project Manager U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Ms. Reilly:

Please consider this letter our formal expression of support for AREVA's license application to construct and operate the Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility near Idaho Falls, Idaho.

AREVA has the proven scientific and operational expertise necessary to build and safely operate this necessary component of our nation's energy portfolio. New domestic capacity in uranium enrichment is critical to America's energy security. That capacity is also key to Hyperion's commercial plans in Idaho and the entire United States. Areva has an exemplary record of social responsibility over the decades of its uranium enrichment activities.

America in general, and Idaho Falls in particular, are poised to lead the world in new energy technologies. AREVA has continually demonstrated technical excellence, a deep concern for safety, and commitment to quality. This partnership is an excellent example of the private and public sectors building together for the common good.

We wholeheartedly recommend approval of AREVA's license application and urge the NRC to act with all prudent speed.

Sincerely,

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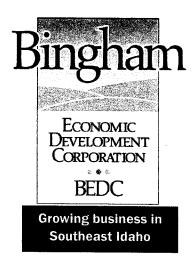
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John (Grizz) Deal

CEC

Hyperion Power Generation, Inc

Breeda Reilly
Project Manager
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#### AREVA EAGLE ROCK ENRICHMENT FACILITY LICENSE APPLICATION

Dear Breeda Reilly,

Bingham Economic Development Corporation is the economic development entity for Bingham County which is adjacent to Bonneville County. We want to lend our strong support for AREVA's Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility license application.

A significant amount of this country's development of nuclear energy technology occurred in Eastern Idaho at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). That rich history's influence on our future will be great in the development of solutions to our nation's energy security. The INL's mission to develop safe, sustainable, and economical nuclear energy and the resources found in Eastern Idaho make it the optimal location for AREVA's Enrichment Facility.

We support the federal government's effort to meet our future energy needs, protect our environment and expedite applications that advance commercial nuclear power. AREVA's facility will benefit from Eastern Idaho's skilled and dedicated workforce of top scientists and engineers along with the building and construction professionals experienced in nuclear facility construction.

As the economic development entity for Bingham County we welcome the opportunity for Eastern Idaho to play a key role in development of environmentally friendly technologies and will do what we can to advance this cause within Eastern Idaho. We are confident that for the reasons stated above, Eastern Idaho is the optimal choice for AREVA's Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility and ask that you approve its application expeditiously.

Sincerely,

J. Brandon Bird Executive Director

Bingham Economic Development Corporation

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## COUNTY ALLIANCE SOUTHEASTERN IDAHO

**December 8, 2008** 

Breeda Reilly Project Manager U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington DC 20555-0001

Dear Breeda Reilly:

I support this project and I would like the NRC to move forward with the licensing process.

Sincerely,

Kathy S. Ray

Executive Director 4-County Alliance of Southeastern Idaho PO Box 32 Malad, ID 83252



December 8, 2008

Breeda Reilly, Project Manager U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington DC 20555-0001

Dear Ms. Reilly:

This letter is to show support for AREVA's new Eagle Rock Uranium Enrichment Plant in Bonneville County, Idaho. We, the undersigned organizations and our memberships support this project and would like the NRC to move forward with the licensing process

Sincerely,

Michelle Holt, Executive Director Lost Rivers Economic Development

Mark Stauffer, Commissioner Butte County, Idaho

Don Picotte, President Mackay Chamber of Commerce

Janet Thornock, President Butte County Chamber of Commerce

Lin Hintze, Commissioner Custer County, Idaho

Gene Davies, Council President City of Arco, Idaho

Otto Higbee, Mayor City of Mackay, Idaho Carrie Allen, Manager Arco/Butte Business Incubation Center

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

Clark County
P.O. Box 205
Dubois, Idaho 83423
ccecodev@mudlake.net
208-374-5808

December 9, 2008

Breeda Reilly, Project Manager U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington DC 20555-0001

Dear Breeda,

Clark County Economic Development wishes to express our support for the AREVA project. We would like the NRC to move forward with the licensing process. We feel this is a valuable project to our area and to the State of Idaho.

Sincerely

Kerri Ellis Clark County

**Economic Development Specialist** 

# CLARK COUNTY IDAHO BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

P.O. Box 205\*320 W. MAIN **DUBOIS, ID 83423** (208) 374-5304

December 9, 2008

Breeda Reilly, Project Manager U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington DC, 20555-0001

Dear Breeda,

The Commissioners of Clark County are sending this letter to show our support for the AREVA project. We would like the NRC to move forward with the licensing process. We feel this is a valuable project for the whole state.

Sincerely,

Chairman, Clark County Commission



Sherman McCorkle President and Chief Executive Officer

8 December 2008

Breeda Reilly, Project Manager U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington DC 20555-0001

Ref: AREVA NC/NRC PUBLIC MEETING

Dear Ms. Reilly,

As president and CEO of Technology Ventures Corporation, I submit this letter in support of the NRC licensing process for the new AREVA NC Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility proposed to be built in Bonneville County, Idaho Falls, ID.

TVC is a non-profit charitable foundation that is involved with the transfer of technology from national laboratories into the marketplace. We foresee great opportunities when a for-profit company chooses to invest in a community, and further the research, development, demonstration and deployment of nuclear-related energy technologies. As a result, we too have made the investment to open an office in Idaho Falls to further these efforts, and have great confidence that this economic momentum will continue with your help.

Sincerely,

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## **International Isotopes Inc.**

**December 10, 2008** 

**Breeda Reilly Project Manager** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington D.C. 20555-0001

Subject:

Support for the Proposed AREVA Uranium Enrichment Facility

Dear Ms. Reilly,

The purpose of this letter is to express our Company's support for the proposed AREVA Uranium enrichment facility.

Our Company is confident that the NRC licensing and environmental review process will adequately assure the safe design and operation of that facility. Our Company also recognizes the vital importance of the U.S. developing domestic uranium enrichment capability to support our present and future nuclear energy requirements.

Sincerely,

Steve Laflin

President and CEO and the 30 employees of International Isotopes Inc.

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Breeda Reilly, Project Manager U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington DC 20555-0001

Dear Ms. Reilly,

We represent Grow Idaho Falls Inc., a non-profit public/private economic development partnership for Bonneville County, ID, the City of Idaho Falls, and the City of Ammon.

Our membership includes private companies which invest in the diversification of the economy of Bonneville County, by advocating for primary (above average paying jobs) and to increase the tax base within our communities.

As our world faces a deficit of energy capacity, our investors know that the continued advocacy for nuclear energy, non-nuclear energy, and environmental technologies and strategies are vital not only to our country's public interest, but our own in Idaho. AREVA NC is a perfect partner not only in the nuclear fuel cycle, but in R&D in other energy sectors as well.

We believe it is essential that for-profit companies are able to address the needs of the energy industry, and that this new uranium enrichment facility will aid the security of our country's energy future. This project will enable our U.S. utilities to obtain their enriched uranium from a stable domestic source, and not be subject to potential supply interruptions from abroad.

In addition, this project alone will have an estimated \$5.1 Billion economic impact on our region over the life of the facility, and has the potential to provide an economic stimulus in eastern Idaho which would have widespread economic benefits.

Therefore, we are expressing our support for the Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility and the application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission from AREVA NC, Inc.

Sincerely.

Lee Radford President Linda K. Martin, CEcD Executive Director

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Lane AllgoodExecutive Director - Greg CrockettPresident - Robert SkinnerVice President - Robb ChilesSecretary-Treasurer

Good evening, my name is Greg Crockett and I'm the current president of The Partnership for Science and Technology. Our organization is a nonprofit, grassroots organization formed to provide accurate and timely information on existing and proposed activities at the Idaho National Laboratory site, and to advocate for nuclear energy, non-nuclear energy and environmental technologies and decisions that are in the public interest

PST membership is made up of businesses, municipalities, chambers of commerce, institutions of higher education, union and trade councils, business organizations, individuals and families. The majority of our members reside in the communities surrounding the proposed Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility site.

First, I would like to thank the NRC for conducting this meeting in Idaho Falls.

Since 1948, Idaho has vigorously supported nuclear energy research at the Idaho National Laboratory. A recent study conducted by Boise State University reflected that 77% of citizens in communities surrounding the Site support nuclear energy research.

We believe, without equivocation, that the proposed site in eastern Idaho provide an excellent location for the home of the Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility. Therefore, we would like to go on record as strongly supporting Areva's license application and ask the NRC to move forward, in an expeditious manner with the licensing process.

Sincerely

Greg Crockett President

Partnership for Science and Technology



Phone: 208-523-4795 Fax: 208-522-9175 www.good-sam.com

December 10, 2008

Breeda Reilly, Project Manager U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Breeda Reilly,

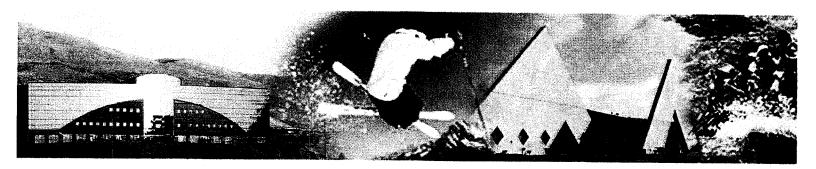
SUBJECT: AREVA APPLICATION

I am the Administrator of a long term care organization that employs 110 and cares for 90. We wish to show our excitement and support for the Areva project in our community. Our family members and friends will benefit from the added jobs that this project will bring. Additionally, it is quite likely that the people who relocate to this area in support of this company will bring with them family members that will be interested in caring for the seniors in our community. Our industry stands ready to put them to work to enhance the lives of those we care for.

These are trying times for our countries economy, and this will ensure an increase in jobs at a time when many companies are shrinking. And it will cost taxpayers nothing to make it happen. Say no to bailouts and yes to Areva. Please expedite their application.

Sincerely,

Rich Cartney Administrator



To: Breeda Reilly, Project Manager

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Washington DC 20555-0001

Dear Ms. Reilly,

The Bannock Development Corporation –the economic development entity representing Bannock County, Idaho-- supports the AREVA Uranium Enrichment Project and requests that the NRC move forward with the licensing process.

We feel strongly that the AREVA project will provide tremendous benefits to addressing the energy needs of our nation and providing a significant economic contribution to the region and the State of Idaho.

We look forward to adding AREVA to the strength of our private-public partnerships in this region of the state of Idaho. We also look forward to the added benefit of strengthening the fuel needs of the Idaho National Laboratory and in further strengthening their energy and environmental mission to "deliver the right form of clean, safe, and secure energy at the right time, the right cost, with the slightest environmental footprint." Additionally, we look forward to the economic opportunities the AREVA project will bring to the region, not only in terms of job creation and spin-off businesses, but also in terms of providing opportunities for graduates of Idaho State University and other institutions of higher-learning in Idaho and the region.

Please feel free to call my office, if you need additional information regarding our strong support for the AREVA Uranium Enrichment Project.

Respectfully,

Ms. Gynii A Gilliam Executive Director

**Bannock Development Corporation** 

Breeda Reilly, Project Manager

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Washington DC 20555-0001

12-10-08

Re: Areva Project

#### Dear Sir:

I support this project and would like the NRC to move forward with the licensing process.

Respectfully,

Willard Price Associate Broker

Commercial Division

Vickie Johnson Real Estate



To:

Breeda Reilly, Project Manager U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington DC 20555-001

Dear Ms. Reilly,

Madison Economic Partners Inc., the economic development group representing Madison County, Idaho, fully supports the AREVA Uranium Enrichment Project and requests that the NRC move forward with the licensing process.

Our corporation feels strongly that the AREVA project will provide many benefits to addressing the energy needs of our nation while providing a great economic contribution to our region and the entire state of Idaho.

We look forward to the benefit of strengthening the fuel needs of the Idaho National Laboratory and in further strengthening their energy and environmental mission. Additionally, we look forward to the economic opportunities that the project brings to the region, not only in terms of job creation and spin-off businesses, but also in terms of providing Idaho college and university graduates opportunities to remain in our state.

Sincerely

Sally Smith

Madison Economic Partners Inc.

2008-2009 President



December 9, 2008

To Whom It May Concern,

Come on down! Areeva has been embraced by the entire area here in eastern Idaho and we are looking forward to having their company become a member of our community.

Idaho Falls and Bonneville County is a great place to live. We have amenities that many larger cities cannot offer; a strong Symphony, Art Museums, Museum of Idaho, historic downtown, 7 1/2 miles of greenbelt running path around the Snake River, and the Colonial Theater provides concerts, plays and programming from Broadway.

As Executive Director of the United Way of Idaho Falls & Bonneville County also serving the Madison, Jefferson, Fremont and Teton counties I can promise that these communities are very caring and giving.

I fully support this project and would like the NRC move forward with the licensing process.

Sincerely, Karan Counwall

Karen Cornwell

**Executive Director** 



To: Breeda Reilly, Project Manager

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Washington DC 20555-0001

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Respectfully,

Ms. Gynii A Gilliam Executive Director

Bannock Development Corporation

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Jerry Christian

Idaho Falls, ID

Phone:

E-Mail:

# COMMENT TO NRC RE: AREVA PROPOSED EAGLE ROCK ENRICHMENT PLANT December 10, 2008

I am a retired chemist living in Idaho Falls. I developed and implemented advanced nuclear fuel reprocessing and waste management technologies at the Idaho Chemical Processing Plant. This included fluoride chemistry that is peripherally related to the chemistry involved in the proposed enrichment facility.

The proposed facility is eagerly anticipated and supported by the Idaho Falls community as one that will utilize the existing science and engineering talent here and it would be a welcome economic addition to the area. Beyond that, however, it would be an important part of a synergistic addition. International Isotopes, headquartered in Idaho Falls, is evaluating siting of its proposed Integrated Uranium De-conversion and Fluorine Extraction Process plant, also to be NRC licensed, with Idaho Falls as one of several potential locations. This plant would process the depleted UF<sub>6</sub> byproduct tailings from the enrichment facility and convert it to valuable pure silicon tetrafluoride (SiF<sub>4</sub>) for commercial use and anhydrous HF. HF is used in production of refrigerants and aluminum as well as of UF<sub>6</sub> utilized in the uranium enrichment process. The depleted uranium would be converted to stable uranium dioxide that can be safely transported and disposed of in a commercial low-level waste facility, such as the nearby Energy Solutions site in Clive, Utah.

Recent developments have shown the availability and cost of HF to become an issue in production of UF<sub>6</sub> and, thus, the combination of these two facilities would be welcomed.

I strongly support and encourage the NRC to proceed with licensing of the Areva plant that would serve an essential function in bringing the U.S. toward a sound nuclear energy economy.

December 9, 2008

To Whom It May Concern,

My husband and I both support this project and would like the NRC to move forward with the licensing process.

Sincerely,

Karen & Gerry Cornwell

Idaho Falls, ID

Breeda Reilly, Project Manager U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington DC 20555-0001

Dear Madam:

My name is Cliff Brady. My mailing address is 11, and my home address is

1, Idaho Falls, ID

I support, with all my heart, the selection of Eastern Idaho as the proposal site for the new Uranium Enrichment Plant. Thank you, Areva.

I would like the NRC to move forward with the licensing process. Please proceed expeditiously. We are looking forward to Areva and their people as our new neighbors. I am almost seventy-seven years old so please expedite this as soon as possible so I can see this step forward for my community, and my country, in my life time.

Thank You.

Clifford A. Brady, Jr.

Idaho Falls, ID

From:

Sent:

Jeffrey Lynn [ Monday, December 08, 2008 11:55 PM Breeda Reilly Areva Uranium enrichment plant

To:

Subject:

I support this project and I would like the NRC to move forward with the licensing process.

Jeff Lynn

From:

Sent:

Roger & Barbara Stommel [ Monday, December 08, 2008 8:14 PM Breeda Reilly

To:

Subject:

Approval

I wholeheartedly support and encourage approval of the Areva NC Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility license.

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Roger Stommel

Id. Falls, ID

From:

Peter Rickards [

Sent:

Tuesday, December 09, 2008 3:32 PM

To:

Breeda Reilly

Subject:

Question on Areva plant NRC hearing in Idaho please. ML083220298 Meeting notice and

agenda

## Idaho Families For The Safest Energy



#### Hi Breeda,

I see you listed as the NRC contact for the ML083220298 Meeting notice and agenda, the Areva Uranium Enrichment plant planned for Idaho. At this Dec 10 hearing, do people use your email for submitting their public comment?

I am opposed to this plant, and want to submit technical safety problem documents and waste problem documents.

Sincerely,

Dr Peter Rickards DPM -Spokesman for Idaho Families For The Safest Energy

From:

Kathleen Aldrich I

Sent:

Tuesday, December 09, 2008 6:20 PM

To:

Breeda Reilly

Subject:

AREVA PLANT Eagle Rock Eastern Idaho

We will not be able to attend the public meeting Dec. 9 in Idaho Falls. However, we would like to make a written comment that we don't approve of another plant in Idaho producing hazardous material and radioactive waste. Idaho has more than its share and the US DOE has never met any of the promises it has made to the citizens of Idaho to clean up the toxic radioactive waste sitting over our water supply, The Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer. Our family has already suffered far more than the average number of cancers due to drift from the atomic and hydrogen bomb testing in Nevada in the 1950s. We do NOT need any more radioactive waste anywhere near us. We do not need the energy produced by enriched uranium. We have plenty of solar, wind and geothermal clean and renewable sources for producing enough energy for our citizens now and into the future. All we need are some real incentives from the US DOE to develop these renewable and safe sources of energy. We are outraged that the US DOE continues to give incentives like guaranteed loans for guaranteed killers to poison us. We do NOT deserve to be poisoned nor do we deserve to be continually expected to accept the poisonous radio active waste produced by people who have no regard for our lives and the lives of our children and grandchildren for thousands of years. They have no regard for our clean air and water and they have no regard for our environment. Just because there is already a radio active mess in Eastern Idaho, there is no excuse to consider our state an on-going repository for this type of poisonous waste. Enough is enough. Kathleen and William Tanaka

PS If this is not the appropriate place to register our comments, please let us know how to do so elsewhere.

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SCOTT LYMAN [

Sent:

Wednesday, December 10, 2008 8:22 PM

To:

Breeda Reilly

Subject:

Areva Enrichment Facility near Idaho Falls, Idaho please consider.

Scott Lyman

Rigby, Idaho December 10, 2008

NRC

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

I am a long-time resident of the southeastern Idaho area, and I am writing to express my full support for the pending decision to license an AREVA fuel enrichment facility near Idaho Falls Idaho.

I am one of thousands of citizens who live and work in the nuclear industry at the Idaho National Lab. I believe that the level of nuclear industry experience in the area and public support you will see in Idaho will validate the decision by AREVA to locate in their facility in this part of the United States. The citizens of America would benefit greatly by having this facility built.

I urge you to move forward on the decision to approve the AREVA license application and allow the construction of the facility to commence as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to your response and please keep me informed regarding the progress of the application.

Sincerely,

Scott Lyman