



NRC NEWS

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Office of Public Affairs Telephone: 301/415-8200

Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

E-mail: opa.resource@nrc.gov

Site: <http://www.nrc.gov>

No. 10-166

September 20, 2010

NRC OFFERS HEARING AND COMMENT OPPORTUNITY ON ACQUISITION OF WYOMING URANIUM RECOVERY FACILITY BY RUSSIAN FIRM

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission offers the opportunity to request a hearing and comment on the proposed transfer of control of Uranium One USA, which holds an NRC license for a uranium recovery facility in Wyoming, to JSC Atomredmetzoloto (ARMZ), a Russian corporation.

ARMZ entered into an agreement in June to purchase a majority share of Uranium One USA's parent company, Uranium One Inc. of Canada. Uranium One USA submitted a license amendment request to the NRC in July, seeking approval of the change of control.

Uranium One USA currently holds an NRC license for the Irigaray-Christensen Ranch in-situ leach uranium recovery (ISR) facility in eastern Wyoming. Uranium One Americas, another subsidiary of Uranium One Inc., has applied for new licenses for proposed ISR facilities at Moore Ranch and Jab & Antelope, both in Wyoming. These applications would also be affected by the proposed change of control.

ARMZ is controlled by Rosatom, the Russian Federation's state agency that oversees the Russian nuclear industry.

A notice of opportunity to request a hearing and opportunity to comment was published in the [Federal Register](#) today. The notice includes detailed instructions on how to file a hearing request. The deadline for requesting a hearing is 20 days after publication.

Comments may be submitted for 30 days after publication of the *Federal Register* notice, over the federal government's rulemaking website, www.regulations.gov, by searching for Docket ID NRC-2010-0300. Comments may also be mailed to Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555-0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudication Staff.

###

News releases are available through a free *listserv* subscription at the following Web address: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/listserver.html>. The NRC homepage at www.nrc.gov also offers a SUBSCRIBE link. E-mail notifications are sent to subscribers when news releases are posted to NRC's Web site.