



Energy Fuels Resources

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Martha E. Rudolph, Executive Director
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Re: The Piñon Ridge Mill
CDPHE's Public Outreach Program

Dear Director Rudolph:

We wanted to write this letter to thank your staff at CDPHE for conducting such a thorough public outreach program for our Piñon Ridge Mill, a uranium and vanadium processing facility we are seeking to construct in Western Montrose County, Colorado.

Your staff held two public hearings in January and February. In June and July, they held five additional meetings in Montrose, Telluride, Ophir, Paradox, and Naturita. Even before that, CDPHE staff attended six land-use hearings in Montrose County. Your staff's hard work and diligence has guaranteed that the public's voice has been heard on this important issue. These meetings have also demonstrated a very high level of support for the mill among local citizens.

We, of course, were glad to see people from Montrose, San Miguel, and Mesa Counties support us on July 13. On that day, two meetings were held – an Availability Session in Paradox and a Public Meeting in Naturita. The Nucla-Naturita Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a BBQ before the Naturita meeting where they served over 350 plates of food to attendees. The overwhelming majority of these people were locals who came out to support the mill. As you can see from the enclosed photos, nearly every attendee wore an orange "Yes To The Mill" sticker.

Indeed, there were some opponents of uranium development and nuclear energy who made their voices heard throughout the process as well. Of course, we believe their fears are misguided. However, they have every right to be heard. Your staff was patient and sensitive to the concerns of these individuals, most of whom do not live in the area.

Lastly, it was particularly encouraging to see CDPHE staff seek the opinions of residents of the Paradox Valley itself. (The mill will be constructed in an unpopulated area at the eastern edge of the valley.) Mill opponents often gave the impression that there was considerable resistance to the mill in the Paradox Valley. Our experience has shown us the opposite - we sense widespread support for the mill in the Paradox Valley. Therefore, we hope your staff received an accurate indication of the level of local support in that region, as well.

Again, we thank CDPHE staff for all their hard work in listening to dozens of hours of public testimony. In the end, we hope the public outreach program conducted by the staff at the Radiation Program will result in a better permit for us.

Please feel free to contact me any time.

Sincerely,

Energy Fuels Resources Corporation,

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