

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 2, 2015

The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy,

We understand the EPA has scheduled one public hearing in Washington, DC on March 10, 2015 on the proposed rule regarding 40 CFR Part 192 Health and Environmental Protection Standards for Uranium and Thorium Mill Tailings. We respectfully request you schedule an additional public hearing in a geographically central location relative to uranium production. Given the substantial uranium production in Wyoming, we request that you hold a hearing in Casper, Wyoming.

The State of Wyoming accounts for the largest share of any state in total production of uranium. As such, the Wyoming Mining Association requested a public hearing be held in Casper, Wyoming so participation by industry and local interests can be maximized. All of Wyoming's uranium is produced by in-situ recovery, which is directly impacted by this rulemaking. An additional hearing in the leading uranium producing state would allow for public input from those most likely to be impacted and would provide an opportunity for clarifying the rule. We have heard many concerns with the underlying proposed rule and believe our constituents should have the opportunity to express them prior to the comment period closing.

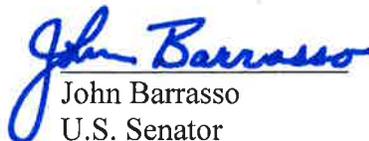
We also request a 90 day extension to the comment period, currently closing on April 27, 2015. The costs associated with this rulemaking need to be properly analyzed prior to finalization and state environmental regulators need time to determine how the rule would change their current groundwater protection laws.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to receiving a timely response.

Sincerely,



Mike Enzi
U.S. Senator



John Barrasso
U.S. Senator



Cynthia M. Lummis
U.S. Representative