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DEQ Seeks Public Input for Proposed Depleted Uranium Disposal

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH – The public comment period begins today for EnergySolutions' request for a license amendment to accept large quantities of depleted uranium for disposal at its Clive facility.

Depleted uranium (DU) is a product of the uranium enrichment process. While it is initially less radioactive than naturally occurring uranium, it becomes significantly more radioactive over time, posing challenges for safe and effective long-term disposal.

State and federal law required EnergySolutions to submit a site-specific performance assessment (PA) to establish whether the facility can meet human health and safety performance standards for DU disposal. DEQ and its independent contractor SC&A have prepared a [Safety Evaluation Report \(SER\)](#) that summarizes their analyses of the PA and the extent to which the PA complies with regulatory requirements.

Conclusions contained in the SER are subject to reconsideration based on public comments and the record as a whole. DEQ has not made a formal recommendation or determination at this time regarding EnergySolutions' proposal. The director of the Division of Radiation Control will make the final decision on whether or not to issue a license amendment to EnergySolutions based on the SER/PA and comments received during the public comment period.

The public comment period for the SER runs from April 13 to May 29, 2015. DEQ has scheduled two public meetings to give the public an opportunity to present oral comments. Both public meetings will be preceded by an informational meeting from 5 to 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday, May 6, 2015
6 to 8 p.m.
Tooele County Courthouse
47 South Main Street, Tooele, Utah

Thursday, May 7, 2015
6 to 8 p.m.
Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Board Room #1015
195 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City, Utah

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Email comments can be sent to swpublic@utah.gov with “Public Comment on SER/DUPA” in the subject line. Written comments should be submitted to:

Mr. Helge Gabert, Project Manager, DU Contract
Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste, Department of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 144880
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For more information on public comments, public meetings, or to view the SER and PA, visit DEQ’s [Depleted Uranium webpage](#).

About DEQ

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