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DEQ Statement on EnergySolutions' Request to Delay Public Comment on Depleted Uranium Disposal Plan

Salt Lake City, Utah –The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) believes that a robust public process is critical to the best decision being made regarding the proposal to dispose of depleted uranium at the EnergySolutions facility in Clive, Utah. To this end, we invite the public to engage early by reviewing all of the pertinent documents and information online at <http://www.deq.utah.gov/businesses/E/EnSolutions/depleteduranium/performassess/index.htm> and by participating in a public information forum on May 6 and 7.

It is imperative that the formal administrative public comment process be as meaningful as possible. To accomplish this, DEQ will delay formal public comment and allow EnergySolutions additional time to address important components not addressed or resolved in the Safety Evaluation Report (SER) released on Monday. The administrative public comment period that will form the basis of the decision record will be reopened when the information necessary to fully analyze potential environmental and health impacts has been submitted by EnergySolutions.

Again, DEQ encourages the public to become informed about the issue and participate in the informal information process as well as the administrative public comment period.

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About DEQ

Established in 1991, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) mission is to safeguard public health and quality of life by protecting and enhancing the environment. DEQ implements state and federal environmental laws and works with individuals, community groups and businesses to protect the quality of Utah's air, land and water. For more information, visit www.deq.utah.gov, follow DEQ on Facebook ([utahdeq](https://www.facebook.com/utahdeq)) and Twitter ([UtahDEQ](https://twitter.com/UtahDEQ)), or call 1-800-458-0145.