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## **NRC AUTHORIZES RESTART OF IRIGARAY & CHRISTENSEN RANCH URANIUM RECOVERY FACILITY IN WYOMING**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has authorized Uranium One USA, Inc., to restart its Irigaray and Christensen Ranch in situ uranium recovery facility, after determining that the company is prepared to protect the health and safety of workers and the public, and the environment, during operations.

The Irigaray and Christensen Ranch facility, located in Johnson and Campbell counties in eastern Wyoming, is regulated under a single NRC license. Recovery operations ceased in 2000. Site operator Cogema applied in 2007 for permission to restart operations. The NRC authorized restart in September 2008 subject to two conditions: that the company update its financial surety for decommissioning, and that the facility pass a preoperational inspection. NRC completed the onsite portion of the preoperational inspection on Dec. 9, and Uranium One, which purchased Cogema this past January, updated the surety on Dec. 16.

The NRC notified Uranium One by letter dated Dec. 17 that it had fulfilled the conditions for restarting operations. The facility is authorized to produce up to 2.5 million pounds of uranium oxide, or yellowcake, annually.

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