Lea Facility Receives NRC License

International Isotopes to Operate Plant West of Hobbs, N.M.

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The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, this past week, announced it has issued a license to International Isotopes Fluorine Products (IIFP) Inc. to construct and operate a facility in Lea County, N.M., to extract fluorine from uranium hexafluoride left over from the uranium enrichment process.

The news came via a press release issued by the NRC on Tuesday of this past week.

The plant, which will be subject to NRC inspections during construction and operation, is the first major deconversion facility licensed by the NRC for the purpose of recovering fluoride products for commercial sale.

Commercial uses for fluorine can include manufacturing electronics, solar panels and semiconductors.

"We are very pleased and gratified to have successfully completed the NRC license process for our planned facility," said Steve T. Laflin, President and CEO of International Isotopes, Inc., in a press release issued Wednesday by the company.

"There was a tremendous amount of work required to complete this license process and I give special recognition to our Regulatory Manager, Mr. John Miller, and the Advanced Process Technology Systems team led by Mr. Jim Thomas, for their hard work and expertise in dealing with the myriad of issues addressed and efficiently resolved during this license process.

"I would also once again like to recognize the NRC staff for their excellent coordination and communication with the Company throughout the license review process and their timely review of the license application. The receipt of the NRC license has long been identified by the Company as a prerequisite for entering any serious negotiations for project financing."

Under the license IIFP can process about 8 million pounds per year of depleted uranium hexafluoride, or DUF6. The facility will "deconvert" the DUF6 by chemically extracting high purity fluoride compounds and anhydrous hydrogen fluoride.

That process leaves behind depleted uranium oxide compounds that are more chemically stable than DUF6 and are generally suitable for disposal as low-level radioactive waste.

IIFP, a subsidiary of International Isotopes, Inc., submitted its application Dec. 30, 2009. The NRC staff completed thorough safety and environmental reviews of the proposed facility. In a

May 2012 Safety Evaluation Report (NUREG-2116), the staff published its conclusion that IIFP's proposed facility complies with NRC regulations, and would not pose an undue risk to the health and safety of workers or the public.

The final environmental impact statement (NUREG-2113), published in August 2012, documents the NRC's finding that there would be no environmental impacts that would prohibit the NRC from licensing the facility.

The IIFP application and more information about the facility are available on the NRC website.

The NRC held public meetings near the plant site in July 2010 and February 2012 to exchange information with the public about the proposed facility and receive public comments as part of the NRC's review of potential environmental impacts. The NRC offered an opportunity for members of the public to ask for a hearing on the license application but received no hearing requests. The NRC will hold a public meeting near the site to provide more information on the agency's plans for overseeing facility construction and operations.

About International Isotopes Inc.

International Isotopes Inc. manufactures a full range of nuclear medicine calibration and reference standards, high purity fluoride gases, and a variety of cobalt-60 products such as teletherapy sources. The Company also provides a wide selection of radioisotopes and radiochemicals for medical devices, calibration, clinical research, life sciences, and industrial applications and provides a host of

Civil Suits Filed in Deaths of 3 Kids Following May Wreck

ODESSA (AP) -- Two civil lawsuits have been filed in Ector County on multiple deaths, one case of which occurred on a highway and the other in a hospital.

Linda and Jose Araiza filed a lawsuit against Nicole Jean Sheesley after both Sheesley and Linda Araiza were no-billed in an accident that killed three children in a family.

Linda Araiza and Sheesley were the drivers in a deadly May 29 accident on Highway 385, in which Sheesley's 2008 Ford pickup collided with Linda Araiza's Dodge Caravan from behind, injuring five and killing three children.

According to the lawsuit, the Araizas claimed Sheesley failed to control her speed, followed too closely and was generally negligent while driving, causing the accident.

The Araizas are seeking damages to cover physical pain and suffering, emotional pain, physical impairment, medical expenses and past and future lost wages, according to the lawsuit, although no specific dollar amount is given.

According to previous stories, a 2008 Ford pickup driven by Sheesley collided with a Dodge Caravan carrying four adults and four children as the Caravan was attempting to turn left on Highway 385 and mile marker 348.

Joe Araiza, 62; Linda Araiza, 62; Madonna Belis Amaton, 26; Carlos Osvaldo Amaton, 29; and 6-year-old James Eric Belis-Aguerro were all injured in the accident, some of the injuries serious.

Linda Araiza was the driver of the Caravan.

However, 4-year-old Alaina Elvita Belis, 11-year-old Jamie Marie Belis, and 8-year-old Ruben Julius Belis all died in the accident. Madonna Amaton was the mother of the children and two of the three were not wearing seatbelts, according to Odessa American archives.

According to a news release by Ector County District Attorney Bobby Bland, there "was evidence that both parties could have been at fault," but "none of their actions rose to the level of felony criminal activity."

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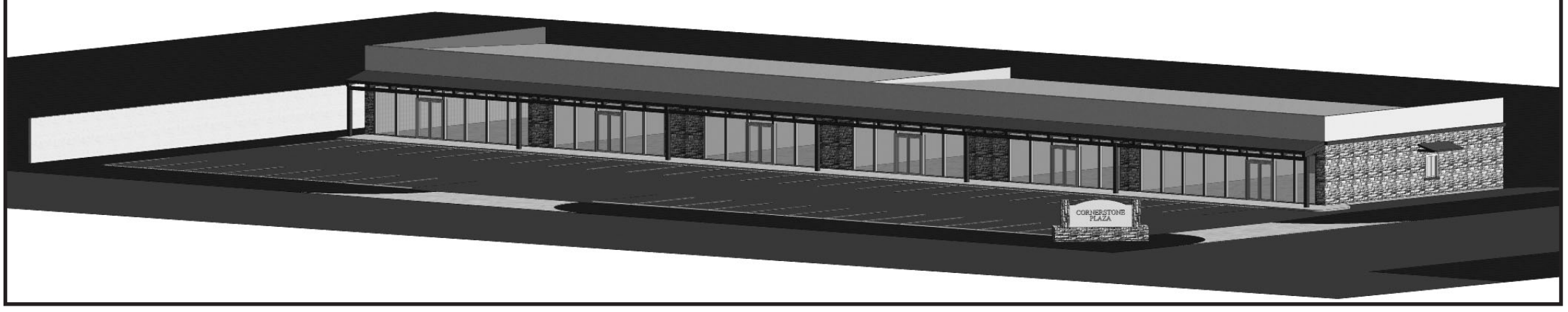
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