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The Uranium Producers of America (UPA) is pleased the EPA has withdrawn its proposed rule to revise C.F.R. 40 Part 192 - Health and Environmental Protection Standards for Uranium and Thorium Mill Tailings and Uranium In-Situ Leaching Processing Facilities. The uranium mining industry is already one of the most highly regulated industries in the United States. The industry is known for and has an exemplary record in protecting the public, the environment and its employees.

EPA's misguided rule had several major faults, including a disregard for factual science and would have put our industry out of business without any credible benefit to the environment.

Statement from Harry Anthony, President of the UPA:

"It's great to see common sense prevail. This rulemaking was the classic example of a solution in search of a problem. Even the EPA acknowledges they are not aware of a single example of harm from ISR uranium mining."

The United States already imports more than 90 percent of the uranium needed to power our domestic nuclear reactors. This rule would have ended nearly all uranium production in the U.S., and would have resulted in a near 100 percent dependence on foreign imports. Rather than shutting off what remains of our industry, our government should be working to save this vital industry and the jobs it supports across the U.S.

We understand the EPA is now going to issue a new, revised proposed rule for public comment. We offered to work with the EPA at the outset of this rulemaking process to review the reams of existing data, and that offer remains. We hope we will have a more constructive and collaborative discussion with the agency going forward."