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**DOE to Provide Moab Mill Tailings  
Transportation Update at Public Meeting**

(Grand Junction, Colo.) — The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will host a public meeting to provide an update on the recently conducted Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Project activities. These activities were conducted in preparation for transporting the uranium mill tailings from the former Moab millsite to the Crescent Junction disposal site—both in Utah. The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 9, 2008, at the Grand Center, 182 North 500 West Street, in Moab, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

DOE's Remedial Action Contractor for the Moab UMTRA Project, *EnergySolutions*, and Union Pacific Railroad signed a Memorandum of Understanding on September 9. Union Pacific Railroad will replace ties and spikes along the track, install switches at Moab and Crescent Junction, and upgrade the road crossings as required by the Utah Department of Transportation.

*EnergySolutions* will discuss the construction work scheduled to begin October 7 on the hillside above Potash Road (State Route 279) and the ongoing infrastructure construction and disposal cell preparations being made at the Moab and Crescent Junction sites. *EnergySolutions* has excavated more than half of the 2 million cubic yards of the disposal cell area needed for initial placement of mill tailings. A schedule of rail upgrades and other infrastructure construction will be presented.

Some of the recent project accomplishments include receiving conditional concurrence from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on the Final Remedial Action Plan; reaffirming the Record of Decision to transport the mill tailings predominantly by rail; reaching 1,844 days without a work-related, lost-time injury or illness; and extracting 123 million gallons of contaminated ground water containing 533,000 pounds of ammonia and 2,400 pounds of uranium before it reached the Colorado River.

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