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**Ranger Expansion Project  
Application for approval of heap leach project**

ERA has formally applied for statutory approval of a heap leach facility at its Ranger operations.

ERA has lodged a referral with the Commonwealth Department of Environment, Water, Heritage & the Arts ("DEWHA") under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. ERA has separately lodged an application for approval with the Northern Territory Government.

If approved, the heap leach facility is expected to treat 10 million tonnes of low grade mineralised material per year, contained in stockpiles and the operating Ranger pit, to produce a total of between 15 to 20,000 tonnes of uranium oxide. ERA's pre-feasibility study into the heap leach facility is expected to be completed within the first half of 2009.

A full copy of the referral for the heap leach facility will be available on DEWHA's website ([www.environment.gov.au/epbc/notices/index.html](http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/notices/index.html)), and further details are available on ERA's website ([www.energyres.com.au/new\\_projects](http://www.energyres.com.au/new_projects)).

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