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RE: Excess Uranium Management: Effects of Potential DOE Transfers of Excess Uranium on Domestic Uranium Mining, Conversion, and Enrichment Industries; Notice of Issues for Public Comment, Federal Register / Vol. 82, No.45 / Thursday, March 9, 2017/ Notices

Dear Ms. Moss Herman:

As Executive Director and on behalf of the Texas Mining and Reclamation Association(TMRA), we appreciate the opportunity to provide input on the Department's management of the federal excess uranium inventory. TMRA is a non-profit trade association representing the mining and reclamation industry in Texas. Our members include those in the uranium mining, recovery and processing industry with assets in Texas and other states, working responsibly to develop our natural resources. In Texas alone, and even in a depressed market, this industry is responsible for over \$31 million in positive economic impact and employs over 1100 people in full-time positions.

Harming the opportunity for development and the positive economic impacts and employment are the policies or practices that have been in place, specifically transfers by the Department of Energy(DOE) of excess uranium, which have been excessive.

We strongly support the Uranium Producers of America (UPA) recommendation for the Department to halt further uranium transfers until the market recovers. The uranium market is already oversupplied, and any additional transfers will have further adverse material impacts on our TMRA members and the industry.

We are now at a point where our Country is importing 94 percent of the uranium needed to power our domestic nuclear reactors. Rather than compete with our industry, we encourage the Department to work with us and other stakeholders to ensure we have a stable domestic supply of uranium.

Respectfully submitted,



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