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Mr. Larry Camper
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Re: Monthly Conference Call

Dear Larry:

To begin, I'd like to say that NRC staff has generally been helpful during our monthly conference calls, especially Marie Miller who has been very effective in summarizing discussions and identifying action items. However, I am concerned about the level of participation in the recent months, and wanted to share my concerns with both of you. In the past, even when we were conducting these calls bi-monthly, we usually had good representation of NRC management on the calls. I recall that Larry or Bob Nelson participated in most calls, and either George or Ron Bellamy also participated, along with appropriate staff from each of your offices.

From our office, I have been a participant most of the time, and Bob Maiers almost always has been on the call. This level of participation resulted in very useful exchanges of information, and often served to highlight areas that needed management attention. Unfortunately over the past several months, NRC management participation has been infrequent, even though the frequency of the calls has been reduced to once each month. On the other hand, either Bob Maiers or I have been on each of these calls, and frequently we have both participated. I believe that having NRC management participation on a regular basis should enhance the usefulness of these calls.

I would like to request NRC management review this matter with the objective of ensuring NRC management involvement in all future calls at a level comparable to that of our office. Re-establishing the original intent of these calls, which was to have an effective periodic exchange of information on the PA decommissioning sites at both management and staff levels, should benefit both of our organizations.

Thank you for your assistance in resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

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Director
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