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MEMORANDUM TO: Ross A. Scarano, Director
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FROM: John T. Greeves, Director (Original Signed By)
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SUBJECT: APPRECIATION OF SUPPORT FROM CHARLES CAIN FOR HIS
WORKSHOP ON URANIUM RECOVERY INSPECTIONS

I appreciate your cooperation in making Charles Cain available to hold a workshop on uranium recovery inspections with staff from the Uranium Recovery Branch (URB), Division of Waste Management. As you know, because of the unique technical disciplines involved in uranium recovery activities, many of the URB staff participate on team inspections with inspectors from Region IV. However, most of these URB members have not previously been involved in inspection related activities. In order to help the URB staff better understand the roles and responsibilities of inspectors, URB requested that Mr. Cain provide a workshop on some fundamental aspects of the inspection program.

The purpose of this memorandum is to let you know that Mr. Cain did an outstanding job in the workshop. The information provided was not only interesting, insightful, and entertaining, but was immediately applicable to work being done in URB today. Mr. Cain's presentations were well organized and clear. He was able to provide real life experience to augment the theoretical information being discussed, and answered the many questions that were asked. The course not only will allow the URB technical staff, participating in inspections, to provide better support to regional inspectors, but it was also helpful in providing the staff with a perspective on how their licensing actions impact the agency's ability to carry out inspections. In addition to holding the workshop, Mr. Cain also acted as the Chairman of the first inspector qualification for a URB staff member to be held. His efforts in this area were invaluable in helping URB achieve its first inspector qualification.

Overall, the participants found Mr. Cain to be extremely knowledgeable of inspection activities in the agency. He exhibited a keen interest in helping the staff learn about the importance of inspections in a regulatory program, and his efforts in the workshop, as well as his continuing support of the uranium recovery program throughout the year, help contribute to the success of the program. We appreciate the opportunity to have Mr. Cain join us for the workshop, and hope that he found the experience equally beneficial.

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