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RE: Comments on the Policy Regarding Submittal of Amendments for Processing of Equivalent Feed at Licensed Uranium Recovery--Facilities Docket ID: NRC-2011-0217 -- (Federal Register/Volume. 76, Number. 190 / Friday, September 30, 2011 /Notices)

Cameco Resources (Cameco) is a subsidiary of one of the world's largest uranium producers, Cameco Corporation of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. We are America's largest uranium producer by providing more than half of domestically produced uranium for nuclear power plants. With our current operations in Nebraska and Wyoming the proposed policy would provide regulatory efficiency.

Cameco believes that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has taken the necessary risk-based approach in clarifying the term alternate feeds and supports the definition of "feed material", and that it is essentially the same in physical form and radiological content as the source material that is typically processed at our licensed uranium recovery facilities. This term and its proposed definition will provide an operational and regulatory framework that is needed to allow the possession and processing of such material at our operations. This interpretation and implementation this will alleviate complex license amendments to accept this "like material" for processing.

This interpretation will also decrease a significant financial burden to community water treatment facilities that would otherwise be required to dispose of these resins as waste at an approved disposal facility. The interpretation will promote beneficial reuse of the resin and reduce disposal volume and cost.

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Cameco believes that the NRC has appropriately evaluated the risks that are associated with this RIS. Because our current operations have demonstrate the ability to safely handling this type of material (resin) from our satellite operations there would be very little or no difference in receiving this feed material from the other type of feed facilities.

Sincerely,
Cameco Resources

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Leftwich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "J" and "L".

Josh Leftwich
Director of Radiation Safety and Licensing