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Mr. John C. Hoyle
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Dear Secretary Hoyle:

The National Mining Association (NMA) is pleased to comment on behalf of its uranium recovery licensee members on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Strategic Assessment Rebaselining Initiative (SARI). NMA commends NRC on its attempt to establish a "clear strategic direction" to achieve its mission more effectively. The strategic plan and decisionmaking framework developed through the SARI process should assist the Commission in addressing the complex, and often interrelated, issues that have affected and will continue to affect its licensees. NMA's uranium recovery licensees, although a limited subset of NRC's nuclear fuel cycle licensees, nevertheless, are faced with a number of complex interrelated issues that require some strategic overview at the Commission level. Therefore, in addition to considering NMA's comments on the SARI, NMA specifically requests that the Commission acknowledge its "placeholder" request to review such issues upon their presentation in a "White Paper" to be submitted to NRC by NMA.

NMA looks forward to a continuing dialogue with the Commission and its staff on the issues of concern to our uranium recovery licensee members.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Lawson

Enclosure

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