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Mr. Samuel J. Chilk
Secretary of the Commission
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

ATTENTION: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Mr. Chilk:

Enclosed are the comments of the American Mining Congress on (1) the proposed regulations of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on Criteria Relating to Uranium Mill Tailings and Construction of Major Plants (proposed 10 C.F.R. 30, 40, 70, 150 and 170; 44 Fed. Reg. 50015, August 24, 1979) and (2) the first draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Uranium Milling (NUREG-0511, April 1979).

The American Mining Congress is a trade association whose membership includes over 500 companies involved in exploration, development and production of the essential minerals and fuel resources vital to the productive capacity and national security of the United States. Our membership includes most of the U. S. companies that currently produce or are expected to produce uranium ore concentrate necessary to help meet the present and future needs of this country.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is to be commended on the efforts of its staff to develop necessary and reasonable regulations relating to the licensing and operation of uranium producing facilities. As these efforts continue, the AMC and its member companies would welcome the opportunity to provide whatever further assistance is necessary to arrive at regulations that adequately protect public health and assure the necessary uranium production to help meet the energy needs and maintain the common defense and security of this country.

Sincerely,

J. Allen Overton, Jr.
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