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Mr. Eugene A. Trager, Jr. U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Mail Stop #SS-483 Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Trager:

Thank you for inviting our participation at the October 25, 1979, Scoping Meeting in Edgemont, South Dakota, on the decommissioning of the Edgemont Uranium Mill. We wish to be considered as a cooperating agency in the EIS to be led by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Since we have only recently learned of this project proposal, we are not yet prepared to submit substantive comments. If at all possible, we would appreciate an extension of the November 6, 197, submission deadline to November 30, 1979. If such is not possible, please advise me by telephone and we will provide such input as we may be able to generate by the November 6 date.

Sincerely yours,

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