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June 22, 1979

Secretary of the Commission
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Attn: Docketing and Service Branch

Dear Sir:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission distributed a draft regulatory guide entitled "Calculational Models for Estimating Radiation Doses to Man from Airborne Radioactive Materials Resulting from Uranium Milling Operations" dated May 18, 1979. Comments are requested by July 16, 1979.

Members of the American Mining Congress Uranium Environmental Subcommittee recently reviewed the draft guide. The consensus of the group is that the methodology and other aspects of the draft are very similar to the draft generic environmental impact statement on uranium mills that was also recently issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. It is anticipated that the comment period on the draft impact statement will be extended until mid September, 1979.

In view of the similarity and relationship of the draft regulatory guide and draft environmental impact statement, the American Mining Congress hereby requests an extension of time to comment on the former. We would ask that the comment period be extended to coincide with any extension given on the draft generic environmental impact statement. Such an extension would help to avoid and reduce overlapping and duplicative work in preparing the comments. Further, there would seem to be no urgency in having comments submitted to the Commission by July 16.

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