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Mr. Malcolm Knapp
Chairman, Transition Oversight Team
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop 6E6
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Knapp:

I am writing to express some frustration with the continuing failure of NRC's Transition Oversight Team (TOT) to make uranium recovery facility licensees full "partners" in the transition process. I am writing to you at this time in accordance with your expressed wishes to avoid tying up your resources responding to American Mining Congress (AMC) letters to the Chairman.

As you may recall early on in the transition process, a number of licensees expressed their dismay at NRC's failure to include them in the TOT decision making process as promised. Matters appeared to have improved dramatically with the hard work and cooperation that produced the successful AMC/NRC Joint Workshop. Then NRC announced a meeting in Wyoming with only Wyoming licensees on a policy that affects all uranium facility licensees and just last week scheduled a TOT meeting without informing a number of key participants.

Without wishing to harp on the subject, I believe it is worthwhile to advise you that when a transition oversight meeting appears to be nothing more than an NRC forum to announce decisions already made unilaterally, it engenders licensee disenchantment about the value of NRC promises. Further, speaking for AMC, as the designated point of contact for our licensee members on regulatory issues and particularly since everyday decision-making on such issues has moved from Denver to D.C., surprises such as TOT meetings about which we are totally in the dark are not appreciated. I am sure that you understand this concern and would feel the same way. AMC wants to assure appropriate coordination and focus on critical regulatory issues so that cost effective and mutually acceptable results become more likely. To do so, reasonable lead time is necessary as our member company licensees' staffs are thin and located all over the western United States.

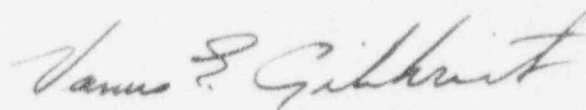
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AMC looks forward to continuing the dialogue with NRC to mitigate and perhaps solve problems that arise as a result of transition or for any other reason. AMC hopes that NRC will heed the concerns expressed herein and more effectively include licensees in the transition process as full partners.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James E. Gilchrist".

James E. Gilchrist
Vice President