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Subject: Mt. Taylor Mine - LOI

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RE: Mt. Taylor Mine, Prospective Conventional Uranium Mill

Dear Mr. Lister:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch (URLB) has the above referenced project on our list of potential upcoming new applications based on your letter of intent. URLB has received letters of intent for many other new projects that we anticipate receiving applications for in the next several years. NRC staff would like you to know that there is the *possibility* that the start of the review for some of these applications, including yours, may be deferred before the review begins, based on available NRC staff resources at the time. NRC staff cannot predict if a deferral will occur or not, or how long an application may be deferred, as not all applications are submitted when expected, and some may lack the quality required to continue a review as originally scheduled. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely:

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