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Ms. Levert:

RE: Regulatory Oversight Report for Uranium Mines & Mills – 2014

Please include this submission for the September 30/October 1, 2015 meeting of the Commission.

The Canadian Nuclear Workers Council (CNWC) is the collective voice of the Labour Unions that represent workers in Canada's Nuclear Industry.

The CNWC has, in consultation with our member unions, reviewed the above report. These Unions are the United Steel Workers (USW) Local 8914, which represents the workers at Cameco's McArthur River Mine & the Key Lake Mill. At Areva's McClean Lake Mill the workers are represented by the UNIFOR Local 48-S. The USW is the largest Union in North America and UNIFOR is one of the largest Unions in Canada. Both of these Unions rank the Health and Safety of their members very high on their agenda and provide assistance to their local unions when required.

The CNWC is in full support of the CNSC's Staff assessment that the above Mine and Mills are operated safely and met performance expectations for radiation protection, conventional health and safety and the environment. We also believe that the presence of Unions at these sites provides a level of oversight in these areas as well.

The USW and UNIFOR local unions appoint representatives to the Joint Health & Safety Committees (JHSC) at these sites. Both Unions have negotiated additional health and safety provisions which exceed the legislated requirements. Union members are and do report all incidents and near misses. Workers have the right to refuse unsafe work. The Unions work very closely with their employers on radiological and conventional safety issues. This is very evident when the safety performance is reviewed. We commend the

workplace parties for being the safest mining sector in Saskatchewan, as per the chart on page 33.

The CNWC challenges the parties to strive for a “fully satisfactory rating” for Health & Safety in 2015.

The workers at these facilities are naturally concerned about the environment. Workers report any possible incidents that may have the potential to affect the environment. Both the Union and employer encourage and support workers with these concerns.

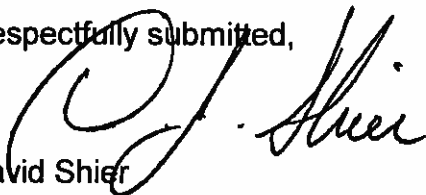
These Unions also dialogue with the CNSC inspectors on a regular basis.

The Employers have very good public information programs. The CNWC and our member unions also provide the public with good information on a regular basis. This is completed via our web site and at Labour Conventions and other events where we interact with the public.

The Commission and the public can be assured that the CNWC and our member unions will address any issues that have the potential to threaten public safety and/or the environment with their employers and the CNSC if necessary.

We thank the Commission for the opportunity to comment on the Oversight Report and if the Commission has any questions our CNWC Vice President, Chris Leavitt (USW 13713) will be in attendance at the meetings on Sept 30 and October 1, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,



David Shier

CNWC President.