



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Scott Melbye
President
Uranium Producers of America
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Dear Mr. Melbye:

Thank you for your September 4, 2014, letter regarding the Department's future uranium transfer process. Secretary Moniz appreciated the opportunity to meet with the Uranium Producers of America (UPA) during his recent visit to Wyoming. The Department and the UPA share the goal of maintaining a strong nuclear industry in the U.S. The efforts of the UPA to support domestic uranium mining have been instrumental in having maintained the industry even in difficult times.

We note your recommendations for potential actions that DOE could take in the future with regard to uranium transfers. As you are aware, DOE is currently defending a legal challenge to the Secretary of Energy's May 2014 determination that DOE transfers of uranium do not have an adverse material impact on the domestic uranium industry. That lawsuit seeks to eliminate or otherwise further limit the amount of uranium transfers (*ConverDyn v. Moniz*, No. 1:14-cv-1012 (D.D.C.)). Regrettably, we are not in a position to engage in discussion of these recommendations at this time. We look forward to continuing a mutually beneficial dialogue at an appropriate time in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Lyons", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Lyons
Assistant Secretary
for Nuclear Energy

