



May 11, 2011

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

We understand that there is a concerted effort by some environmental groups to get a number of local governments in the Southside area to prejudge the results of the ongoing National Academy of Sciences (NAS) study as well as other studies that pertain to whether the 119 million pounds of uranium located in Pittsylvania County can be mined safely in our region. The same group of opponents, who opposed from the outset *even* a legislative study of the issue, now seek the blind adoption of resolutions by city and town councils and boards of supervisors - resolutions that would disregard the conclusions from the scientific and economic impact studies that are expected to be announced later this year.

We hope that you, as an elected member of the Campbell County Board of Supervisors, will refrain and examine the evidence when the results of these studies are available. Too much is at stake to do otherwise.

The Coal & Energy Commission has enlisted the NAS to conduct a comprehensive study of the potential impacts of uranium mining in Virginia, as well as a socio-economic impact study. The results of these studies are expected to be available in December of this year. We have attached the study scope, for your reference. Additional information is available online at <http://dels.nas.edu/global/besr/Uranium>.

An independent engineering study has already revealed the enormous positive economic impact that such a mining and milling operation would have on our region. The project will generate more than \$140 million in revenue per year for over 30 years. Capital expenditures will amount to over \$350 million with over 250 construction jobs. During the 35-year life of the operation there would be as many as 350 direct employees earning an average annual salary of \$65,000 a year. Direct and indirect economic benefits would exceed \$240 million per year.

Our company is on the record stating that we are awaiting the results of the NAS and the socio-economic studies before determining whether or not (and how) we might proceed. If the Campbell County Board of Supervisors is inclined to take a position on this matter prior to the release of the studies (as several local governments have, by adopted resolutions), we

respectfully request that our engineers, geologists, economists and other experts be provided an opportunity to respond to questions and present information.

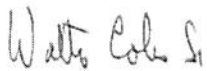
A final point: Even if the NAS report indicates that technologies and oversight have advanced sufficiently to protect the public health and environment and even if the socio- economic report shows the potential for significant new economic development opportunities for our region, the debate is far from over. The Virginia General Assembly would need to direct the promulgation of regulations governing uranium mining—a lengthy and deliberate process. There are federal permits that are required and standards that must be met, and, there are local zoning matters, also subject to a vote and many public hearings providing citizens with opportunities to participate.

We hope that local leaders like yourself will take the long view, keep an open mind and evaluate all the factors that should be disclosed by the studies before deciding whether to take a position on this very important subject.

Again, I and other company officials stand ready to meet with you and to get answers to questions you may now have. I assure you we will be as responsive as we can be.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter Coles Sr.".

Walter Coles, Chairman