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November 30, 2012

The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell  
Governor of Virginia  
Office of the Governor  
Patrick Henry Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
1111 East Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Governor McDonnell:

On behalf of the Uranium Working Group, I would like to submit to you our final report. We have worked diligently over the past 11 months to fulfill each of the tasks outlined in your January 19, 2012 directive and provide a scientific policy analysis to help assess whether the moratorium on uranium mining in the Commonwealth should be lifted, and if so, how best to do so. We reviewed studies, statutes, regulations, public input and inquiries, best practices in other states and countries and have provided a full analysis of statutory, regulatory and programmatic changes that would be needed if the decision is made to lift the moratorium.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Commonwealth in conducting this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathie J. France", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Cathie J. France  
Chair, Uranium Working Group  
Deputy Director for Energy Policy