Q1. The Board proposes a reporting entity be permitted to apply an alternative valuation method in establishing opening balances for inventory, operating materials and supplies (OM&S), and stockpile materials when presenting financial statements or one or more line items addressed by this Statement following generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) promulgated by the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) either (1) for the first-time or (2) after a period during which existing systems could not provide the information necessary for producing such GAAP-based financial statements without use of the alternative valuation method.

Do you agree or disagree with the Board’s proposal to no longer require condition reporting? Please provide the rationale for your answer.

Agree. Adoption of the alternative valuation process presented in this exposure draft should help to reduce the cost of audit readiness activities, while requiring the system and process changes necessary to produce accurate financial data moving forward.