

Board of County Commissioners

EUREKA COUNTY COURT HOUSE

EUREKA, NEVADA 89316

February 28, 2000

Honorable Richard A. Meserve
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

RE: Request for enhanced role for Nevada-based NRC staff

Dear Chairman Meserve:

On behalf of the affected units of local government (AULG) in Nevada, we appreciate the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's interest in AULG concerns, and value the ongoing dialog and interaction that is occurring.

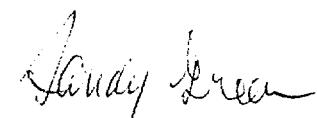
As the Yucca Mountain project enters the licensing phase, we anticipate a need for greater communication in Nevada between local government staff and representatives of the NRC. We also recognize the need for local government officials, advisory committees and residents to become more knowledgeable about the roles of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in the Site Recommendation and License Application.

We encourage the NRC to recognize an expanded role for Nevada-based NRC staff, including the necessary travel. The most important elements of this function could include:

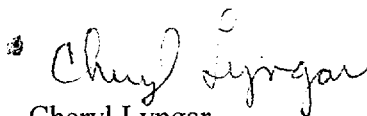
1. Answering technical and regulatory questions and providing information regarding the role and responsibilities of the NRC with regard to the Yucca Mountain project
2. Providing linkages to technical and legal resources within the Commission, and
3. Participating in public meetings, including those of various technical and citizen advisory committees established by local governments.

Your support of this request is appreciated. We look forward to a continuing dialogue with the NRC on issues of mutual concern related to the Yucca Mountain Project.

Sincerely,



Sandy Green
Eureka County Commission



Cheryl Lyngar
Lander County Commission

cc: AULGs

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