

June 21, 2000

Mr. Robert R. Loux, Executive Director  
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Office of the Governor  
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Dear Mr. Loux:

I am writing to respond to your letter of May 5, 2000, concerning the Commission's review and concurrence process for the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) draft final "General Guidelines for Nuclear Waste Repositories and Yucca Mountain Site Suitability Guidelines" (10 CFR Part 963). The Commission will make a final determination on an appropriate concurrence process after it receives the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff's analysis of the DOE guidelines, now expected by the end of June. In any event, let me assure you that the NRC will take full advantage of the public comments received by DOE on the draft siting guidelines by reviewing them to identify issues of concern to the NRC.

The Commission will promptly notify you and other potentially interested participants of its decision with respect to the concurrence process. In the interim, if you have any questions please contact Mr. Bill Reamer of NRC's Division of Waste Management at (301) 415-7208.

Sincerely,

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