

June 20, 2000

The Honorable Ivan Itkin, Ph.D., Director  
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
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Dear Dr. Itkin:

I am responding to your letter of May 4, 2000, enclosing the revised draft final "General Guidelines for Nuclear Waste Repositories and Yucca Mountain Site Suitability Guidelines." The Commission is mindful of the importance of the draft final rule in the upcoming site recommendation process and will make every effort to complete our review and concurrence process in order to meet your schedule requirements.

As part of the Agency's review process, the Commission has requested the NRC staff to provide an analysis of the draft final U.S. Department of Energy guidelines by the end of June. After it has received the staff's analysis, the Commission will make a final determination on the scope and timing of our concurrence process. We will keep your office informed of the Commission's decisions in this matter through Mr. William Reamer, our staff contact in NRC's Division of Waste Management. Mr. Reamer can be reached by telephone at (301) 415-7208.

Sincerely,

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