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Richard A. Meserve, Chairman
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Meserve:

Thank you for your recent letter and for taking time from your schedule to meet with us regarding our concerns about the potential licensing of a geologic repository at the proposed Yucca Mountain site. It was informative and helpful to learn of your views on this issue. I look forward to working with you and your staff as we begin to explore ways in which the licensing process can be made more effective in addressing the concerns of parties to the proceeding and to the public. Your willingness to look at possible alterations to the current process was very much appreciated.

As we discussed, we are interested in providing feedback to any suggestions that you or your staff may propose in addressing the concerns that were raised, as well as developing proposals of our own that we would forward to you for your consideration in the near term. It is critical that any proceeding be free from even the appearance of bias and be completely transparent for the public to ensure their participation and involvement is effective.

Thank you again for your letter and our meeting with you. I look forward to hearing from you and/or your staff with any proposals you may have and I assume that any proposals that we may have will be welcomed and given serious consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert R. Loux", written over a horizontal line.

Robert R. Loux
Executive Director