

March 27, 1995

Dr. John Whitney, Project Manager  
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Dear Dr. Whitney:

Thank you for your letter of February 28, 1995, inviting Dr. Malcolm Knapp or his designee to attend the upcoming Data Needs Workshops to evaluate seismic hazards and develop seismic design parameters for a potential geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. Dr. Knapp has requested me to reply to you.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is interested in observing this and upcoming workshops and will be willing to answer any questions regarding NRC requirements or data needs for licensing. Our participation will be only as an observer, since the NRC will eventually need to independently review the data collection and analyses by DOE when it submits its repository license application.

I would like to inform you that Dr. Knapp will not be able to attend; however, I have designated Dr. Abou-Bakr Ibrahim of my staff to be the NRC representative at the workshops. Dr. Ibrahim will be accompanied by Dr. Steven McDuffie, also of my staff.

If you have any questions or require any information, please contact Dr. Ibrahim at (301) 415-6651.

Sincerely,

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