

To: Chairman Richard Meserve
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear NRC Chairman Richard Meserve:

The formal hearing process that is used in all other NRC plant licensings should be the same for the proposed repository at Yucca Mountain. Changing to an informal process:

(1) gives the appearance that the NRC is doing favors for the DOE, and (2) an informal process will seriously erode the public confidence in the licensing process and the ability of the NRC to regulate.

Sincerely,

Quinn B. Walters

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