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Mr. Neil Jensen
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Dear Mr. Jensen:

Enclosed for your review and comment is the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) *Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada* (DOE/EIS-0250-D-S).

The purpose of this Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is to update information on repository design enhancements and operating modes and corresponding assessments of the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action to construct, operate and monitor, and eventually close a geologic repository at Yucca Mountain in Nye County, Nevada, for the disposal of commercial and DOE spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. The Supplement addresses only modifications to the repository design and operating modes as presented in the Draft EIS. It does not address the aspects of the Proposed Action that have not been modified.

Members of the public are invited to provide written and oral comments on the Supplement to the Draft EIS at the public hearings listed in Enclosure 1. Each hearing will include information exhibits, a brief session in which an overview of the Supplement will be presented, a question and answer session, and an opportunity to provide comments for the record. Individuals may schedule a time to provide oral comments at the hearings by calling 1-800-967-3477.

Other options for submitting comments on the Supplement to the Draft EIS are as follows:

- Mail comments to:

Dr. Jane R. Summerson, EIS Document Manager
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Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office M/S 010
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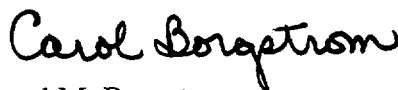
- Fax comments to: 1-800-967-0739.
- Comment over the Internet via the Yucca Mountain Project web site at <http://www.ymp.gov>.

The DOE will consider all comments transmitted or postmarked by June 25, 2001. Comments submitted after this date will be considered to the extent practicable.

Additional copies of the Supplement and copies of the Draft EIS may be obtained by contacting the EIS Document Manager at the above address or by calling 1-800-967-3477. Both the Supplement and the Draft EIS will be available via the Internet on the DOE National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) web site at <http://tis.eh.doe.gov/nepa>, under the listing *DOE NEPA Analyses*, or on the Yucca Mountain Project web site at <http://www.ymp.gov>, under the listing *Environmental Impact Statement*. These documents are also available at 37 public reading rooms across the country.

If you require further information, please contact me at (202) 586-4600 or the EIS Document Manager, Dr. Jane R. Summerson, at (702) 794-1493.

Sincerely,



Carol M. Borgstrom
Director
Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance

Enclosures:

1. Public Hearing Schedule for the Supplement to the Draft EIS
2. *Supplement to the Draft EIS for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada (DOE/EIS-0250-D-S)*

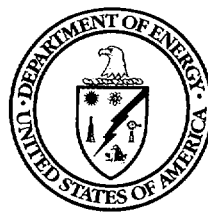
**Public Hearings Schedule for the
Supplement to the Draft EIS for a
Geologic Repository for the Disposal
of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level
Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain,
Nye County, Nevada (DOE/EIS-0250-D-S)**

Longstreet Inn & Casino Highway 373 Amargosa Valley, Nevada 89020	May 31, 2001 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm Poster Session 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Hearing
Suncoast Hotel & Casino 9090 Alta Drive Las Vegas, Nevada 89144	June 5, 2001 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm Poster Session 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Hearing
Bob Ruud Community Center 150 North Highway #160 Pahrump, Nevada 89048	June 7, 2001 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm Poster Session 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Hearing

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