

ATTACHMENT 6

NYE
COUNTY

JOE S. GARCIA, JR., CHAIRMAN
Nye County Commissioners

September 12, 1987

Mr. Howard S. Bellman
1900 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Suite 413
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Mr. Bellman:

The purpose of this letter is to tell you, the High-Level Waste Licensing Support System Advisory Committee, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that Mr. Stephen T. Bradhurst represents the Nye County Board of County Commissioners on all nuclear waste repository matters. Therefore, Mr. Bradhurst's September 16 and 17 comments before the HLW Licensing Support System Advisory Committee regarding the following are accurate:

1. The Conservation Foundation should have contacted counties and cities located near the proposed repository sites in order to inform them of the NRC negotiated rulemaking effort to revise NRC's Rules of Practice in 10 CFR Part 2 to provide for the use on an electronic information management system referred to as the Licensing Support System (LSS).
2. The Conservation Foundation should have invited, at a minimum, the situs local governments or their repository organizations to participate as voting members on the first tier of participants.
3. A seat should be provided for affected local government on the first tier. These local governments (e.g. Mid Columbia Consortium of Governments, Southern Nevada local governments, etc.) will be more than happy to participate as a coalition with a spokesman.

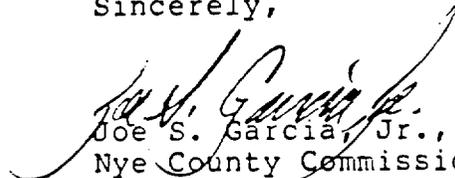
It is Nye County's hope that the Committee and NRC do not perpetuate a situation that has existed where affected local governments have been told by DOE, the affected states, and affected state legislatures to put their trust in their state and state legislature to properly address local government repository impacts and concerns.

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Remember, once a decision is made on a repository site it is highly likely that state politicians will go on to other emotional and vote-getting issues, and the affected local governments will have to live with a repository and its impacts, risks, etc. everyday.

Enclosed for your information and use is a copy of my April 29, 1987, testimony before the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. This testimony gives you a good picture of Nye County's concerns and position regarding the siting, construction and operation of a repository at Yucca Mountain. Please take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to read it.

Sincerely,


Joe S. Garcia, Jr., Chairman,
Nye County Commissioners

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cc: William Olmstead, Assistant General
Council for Hearings, NRC

Stephen T. Bradhurst, Nye County
Planning Consultant

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THALIA M. DONDERO
Vice-Chairman



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October 7, 1987

Howard Bellman
The Conservation Foundation
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Dear Mr. Bellman:

It has come to our attention that during the development of the Licensing and Support System, an advisory committee will be established to define the elements needed for licensing review.

As a Commissioner of Clark County, a community potentially significantly impacted by the proposed Yucca Mountain Repository and a member of the State of Nevada Commission on Nuclear Projects, I urge you to consider representation by local government on the coordinating committee. Examples of items of concern to citizens and elected officials in Clark County include the proposed transport of nuclear waste through metropolitan Las Vegas and the influx of thousands of workers and their families to the community.

Local communities will ultimately bear the brunt of impacts resulting from decisions made to implement the Nuclear Waste Policy Act. It is important, therefore, for affected communities to be included as part of the process to define the elements to be considered in licensing the repository. Local communities will have to provide services, consider impacts and evaluate the implications of a repository to their local economies. It is important, therefore, to have a local perspective on the committee.

The lack of a strong role for local government in the Nuclear Waste Policy Act is a glaring deficiency. Having local representation will ensure that the licensing issues are evaluated in a comprehensive manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thalia M. Dondero".

THALIA M. DONDERO
Commissioner

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Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Nevada

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October 6, 1987

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Attn: Howard Bellman

RE: Local Government Participation in First Tier Negotiations Regarding Licensing
Support Systems

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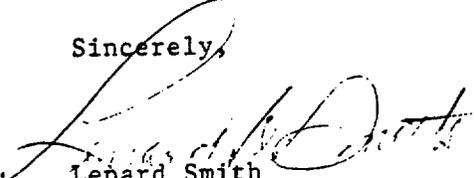
Lincoln County respectfully requests that the Commission consider formal inclusion of local government as a representative to the first tier of negotiations regarding development of a Licensing and Support System. Local governments such as Lincoln County are closest to the general public likely to be directly effected by the siting, construction, operation and decommissioning of a high level nuclear waste repository. Typically local governments, to which local residents first look for representation and public services, are not included as a direct participant in national policy making. Such an oversight typically results in such policies being promulgated in a manner insensitive to local government needs.

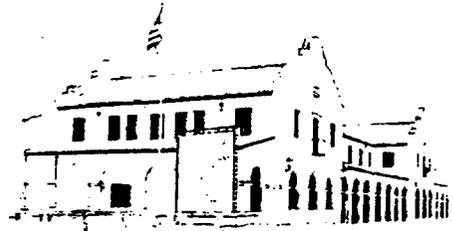
Local government cannot be expected to look to nor depend upon state government to be representative of local government concerns. As is the case with various environmental or other special interest groups, the needs of local government are often widely divergent from those of state or federal entities.

I believe local government representation to the first tier of licensing support system negotiations would help to ensure that such negotiations results in a fully adequate licensing support system. Omission of such representation will almost assuredly reduce the effectiveness and acceptability of the system.

Your consideration to this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,


Lenard Smith
Commissioner



CITY OF CALIENTE

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October 6, 1987

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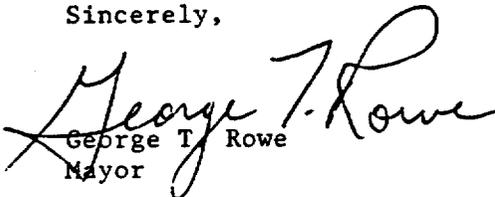
The City of Caliente respectfully requests that the Commission consider formal inclusion of local government as a representative to the first tier of negotiations regarding development of a Licensing and Support System. Local governments such as the City of Caliente are closest to the general public likely to be directly effected by the siting, construction, operation and decommissioning of a high level nuclear waste repository. Typically local governments, to which local residents first look for representation and public services, are not included as a direct participant in national policy making. Such an oversight typically results in such policies being promulgated in a manner insensitive to local government needs.

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Your consideration to this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,


George T. Rowe
Mayor

MID-COLUMBIA CONSORTIUM OF GOVERNMENTS
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October 13, 1987

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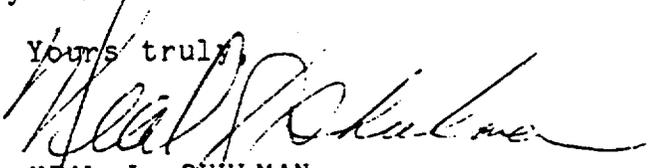
Dear Mr. Bellman:

The Mid-Columbia Consortium of Governments is composed of fifteen governmental jurisdictions located in close proximity to the Hanford Reservation in southeast Washington. The Consortium was formed for the purpose of serving as a unified focal point for interaction with the state and federal governments on matters related to the potential location of a high-level nuclear waste repository at Hanford. In short, the Mid-Columbia Consortium of Governments is the official arm of those governmental jurisdictions in Washington State that are most dramatically affected by the potential location of a high-level waste repository at Hanford. In total, the Consortium represents approximately 200,000 people residing in the Mid-Columbia region.

I write you in your capacity as facilitator for NRC negotiated rulemaking related to the revision of 10 CFR, Part 2, providing for the use of an Electronic Information Management System. The Mid-Columbia Consortium of Governments deems it most vital that you be aware of the need for affected local governments to be involved in the first tier of participants during any such negotiations.

We join with our counterparts from Nye County, Nevada, and Deaf Smith County, Texas, in requesting your assistance in securing a seat for affected local government as the activities of the High-Level Waste Licensing Support System Advisory Committee move ahead.

Yours truly,


NEAL J. SHULMAN
Vice Chairman
Mid-Columbia Consortium
of Governments

cc: Steve Bradhurst
Nye County, Nevada

Phil Niedzielski-Eichner
Waste Deposit Impact Committee
Deaf Smith County, Texas

MCG Executive Committee