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ROCK SAMPLE FROM THE PROPOSED YUCCA MOUNTAIN REPOSITORY HORIZON  
REQUESTED BY THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC) STAFF  
(SCPB: N/A)

As requested verbally by the NRC on-site representative, Mr. Chad Glenn, the U.S. Department of Energy prepared and provided to your staff a rock sample of the proposed Yucca Mountain repository horizon (Topapah Spring crystal poor middle nonlithophysal zone). The requested rock sample was intended for microbial studies at the NRC research facilities. We have confirmation from Mr. Glenn that the rock sample was received by the NRC's Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analysis on March 19, 1996.

If you have any questions, please contact Robert G. (Tim) Hawe of my staff at (702) 794-7967.

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