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SUBJECT: REPOSITORY SAFETY STRATEGY: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S
STRATEGY TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AFTER CLOSURE
OF A YUCCA MOUNTAIN REPOSITORY, REVISION 1

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Sandra L. Wastler of my staff at (301) 415-6724 or at e-mail address SLW1@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

[Original signed by M. Federline for:]
John T. Greeves, Director
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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. J. Greeves", is written above the typed name.

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