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Dear Mr. Holonich:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of the Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office's (YMSCO) intention to perform a 90 percent design review of the Exploratory Studies Facility Title II Package 1D. Package 1D consists of plans for Exploratory Studies Facility surface facilities and systems including the Muck Storage Area, Conveyor Access Road, Fuel Storage System, Compressed Air Condensate Drain System, Covered Storage Facility, Partial Site Lighting, Compressed Air and Generator Foundations, and Partial Grounding.

The 90 percent design review of Package 1D will be mailed to the usual parties on June 20, 1994, and forwarded to you for your review as an observer. The review period extends from June 20 to July 6, 1994. Please review the design package and draft comments for discussion at the 90 percent design review meeting. The design review meeting is scheduled for July 6, 1994, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Emerald Room at the Holiday Inn, 325 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada. Final comments are due July 8, 1994, at 5 p.m.

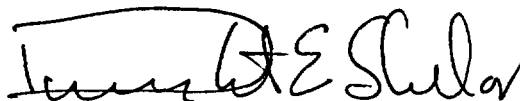
To optimize the review period for the affected counties and the state, YMSCO will send under separate cover letter the 90 percent design review package directly to them.

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If you have any questions, please contact Chris Einberg of my staff at (202) 586-8869.

Sincerely,



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