

July 6, 1995

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Mr. Ronald A. Milner, Director
Office of Program Management & Integration
U.S. Department of Energy/OCRWM
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

SUBJECT: NRC/NYE COUNTY, NEVADA MEETING ON NYE COUNTY'S PNEUMATIC PATHWAYS CONCERNS

Dear Mr. Milner:

I am enclosing minutes of the meeting on May 23, 1995, about Nye County's concerns regarding pneumatic pathways at Yucca Mountain. The meeting was held at Nuclear Regulatory Commission headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, and included, by teleconference, participants gathered at several sites. Participants included representatives of NRC; Nye County, Nevada; the State of Nevada; Clark County, Nevada; the Department of Energy's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM); the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses; DOE's Management and Operating Contractor; the United States Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board and Weston.

The meeting was requested by Nye County, Nevada to discuss its continuing concerns about the potential loss of information about pneumatic pathways at Yucca Mountain due to excavation of the Exploratory Study Facility before sufficient data about potential pneumatic pathways has been gathered. After discussion by all participants, it was agreed that a technical exchange on pneumatic pathways will be scheduled for July 1995. Since the meeting, the date for this technical exchange has been set for July 25, 1995. If you have any questions regarding this letter or the enclosed meeting minutes, please contact Pauline Brooks of my staff at (301) 415-6604.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by John O. Thoma for)

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Enclosure: As stated

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