February 24, 1995

Mr. Hal Rogers, Co-Chair
The Study Committee
P.O. Box 1540
Las Vegas, Nevada 89125

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Your recent transmittal to Mr. Bernero of postcards signed by Nevada citizens regarding the Yucca Mountain Project has been referred to me for a response.

First, I would like to recognize the importance of the citizens of Nevada becoming involved with this project. Involvement from citizens, like those who signed the postcards, will lead to better understanding of the complex political and technical issues surrounding the Yucca Mountain Project.

Furthermore, as the Federal regulator responsible for the independent oversight of the U.S. Department of Energy's work at the Yucca Mountain site, we are pleased that the citizen postcards recognized the importance of our independent oversight. We believe the progress being made to investigate the site is necessary to understand the technical issues so that decisions can be made about the site. As these investigations proceed, I want to assure you that it is our clear intent to conduct our oversight in a manner that is in the best interest of protecting public health and safety without being excessive.

Sincerely,
(Original signed by John T. Greeges)
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