

May 17, 1999

FIELD(First Name) FIELD(Last Name)
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Dear M FIELD(Last Name):

Thank you for attending the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) March 23, 1999, public meeting in Las Vegas. I was happy to see so many people take part in the discussion of NRC's proposed rule for evaluating a possible future U.S. Department of Energy license application for NRC approval of a potential repository at Yucca Mountain. Let me assure you of my personal commitment to a comprehensive review of the issues raised there. As you requested, I am enclosing a copy of the official meeting transcript.

All comments made at that meeting and at the March 25, 1999, public meeting in Beatty, Nevada are being analyzed and will be made part of the rulemaking record. At both meetings, we received numerous requests to extend the public comment period on the proposed rule. When we returned to NRC headquarters, we forwarded the requests to the Commission, and on May 5, the Commission extended the public comment period an additional 51 days, through June 30, 1999.

In view of the extension, the NRC staff will hold additional public meetings in Nevada during the week of June 14, 1999. We will send you the time and location of these meetings once arrangements are complete. Notice of the meetings will also appear in local newspapers.

Thank you again for your participation in the rulemaking process. My technical staff and I share your concern for the safety of the people who live near Yucca Mountain and for the protection of the environment. I hope you will attend the next round of meetings in mid-June.

Sincerely,

[44 originals signed by:]

C. William Reamer, Chief
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*Wording in paragraphs 1&4 of concurrence copy is slightly different from wording in attached sample copy of one of 44 letters signed & sent with transcript of 3/23/99 public meeting. The sample signed letter is the version that actually was sent.

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**UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

May 17, 1999

Ginger Swastz
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Dear Ms. Swastz:

Thank you for attending the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) March 23, 1999, public meeting in Las Vegas. I was happy to see so many people take part in the discussion of NRC's proposed rule for evaluating the U.S. Department of Energy's application to construct and license a repository at Yucca Mountain. Let me assure you of my personal commitment to a comprehensive review of the issues raised there. As you requested, I am enclosing a copy of the official meeting transcript.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. William Reamer", is written over a horizontal line.

C. William Reamer, Chief
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