

October 7, 1998

Dr. Arthur Bienenstock
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Executive Office of the President
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Washington, DC 20502

Dear Dr. Bienenstock:

Enclosed, please find a copy of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff recommendations for draft regulations that would govern disposal of high-level radioactive waste at a proposed geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. The Commission is currently reviewing these recommendations and has not yet approved their publication as a proposed rule. The staff recommendations address many of the issues being considered in our inter-agency discussions and may prove helpful in describing NRC's approach to implementation of an all-pathways standard.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Bell, Acting Chief
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Division of Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure: As stated

Identical Letter sent to Dr. Larry Weinstein, U.S. EPA

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