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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

July 28, 1999

Ms. Eve Culverwell  
Administrative Coordinator  
Lincoln County Nuclear Oversight Program  
P. O. Box 1068  
Caliente, NV 89008

Dear Ms Culverwell:

Thank you for your invaluable assistance in arranging the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) June 17, 1999, public meeting in Caliente. We were happy to see so many people taking part in the discussion of NRC's proposed rule for evaluating a potential license application by the U.S. Department of Energy to construct a repository at Yucca Mountain. The evident interest and well-informed participation by so many in Caliente means a lot to us and truly helps us understand the issues and their importance to the citizens of Lincoln County. The genuine dialogue and open exchange of views at that meeting made a profound impression on all of us. We appreciate the time and preparation you devoted to helping make this meeting so successful.

Because of the unfortunate malfunction in the equipment used by the contractor transcribing the meeting, a word-for-word transcript cannot be produced. We regret the transcriber's error and the resulting failure to capture the exact language used by those at the meeting. We are, however, reconstructing a summary of the meeting and the comments presented, based on Mayor Phillips' opening statement, the printed questions you prepared, recollections of the NRC staff members present, and action items listed on the flip chart by the facilitator. We are confident that the concerns expressed by those present will be accurately reflected in the summary.

In addition, we are also offering the participants an opportunity to resubmit comments, if they wish, by (1) a written response to me at Mail Stop T7F-3, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; (2) e-mail to Dr. Janet Kotra at <http://www.jpk@nrc.gov>; or (3) a toll-free call to Dr. Kotra through the NRC operator at 1-800-368-5642. All comments submitted will become part of the meeting record and will be fully considered, along with the reconstructed summary. We are asking that they be provided by August 23, 1999.

Please know that we seriously considered holding a second public meeting solely to create a new transcript of comments. We concluded that the reconstructed summary together with offering an opportunity to resubmit comments by letter, e-mail or phone would be more timely and efficient, as well as less burdensome to the participants, and to the taxpayers. However, because we are committed to building a long-term relationship with the residents of Lincoln County, we plan to return to Caliente for future public meetings, as circumstances warrant.

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Thank you for welcoming us to your community. We share your concern for the safety of the people of Nevada and the environment. We look forward to working with you again when we return to Caliente.

Sincerely,

[Original signed by:]

C. William Reamer, Chief  
High-Level Waste and Performance  
Assessment Branch  
Division of Waste Management  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

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Mayor Kevin Phillips  
Caliente City Hall  
100 Depot Avenue  
Caliente, NV 89008

Dear Mayor Phillips:

Thank you for your gracious welcome and participation at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) June 17, 1999, public meeting in Caliente. We were happy to see so many people taking part in the discussion of NRC's proposed rule for evaluating a potential license application by the U.S. Department of Energy to construct a repository at Yucca Mountain. The evident interest and well-informed participation by so many at Caliente means a lot to us and truly helps us understand the issues and their importance to you and the citizens of Lincoln County. The genuine dialogue and open exchange of views at that meeting made a profound impression on all of us. I want you to know that we appreciate your time and attention, and recognize that your assistance and the efforts of the Joint City/County Impact Alleviation Committee were instrumental in helping to make this meeting so successful.

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Mayor Phillips

Thank you for welcoming us to your community. We share your concern for the protection of the people of Nevada and the environment, so eloquently expressed in your opening remarks. We look forward to meeting with you again when we return to Caliente.

Sincerely,

[Original signed by:]

C. William Reamer, Chief  
High-Level Waste and Performance  
Assessment Branch  
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