

August 20, 1998

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If you have any further questions, please contact Dr. Bell directly on (301) 415-7286.

Sincerely,

John T. Greeves, Director  
Division of Waste Management  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
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Yucca Mountain, Nevada

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TO:

John Hoyle, SECY

FOR SIGNATURE OF :

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DESC:

FUTURE BRIEFING BY THE AULG TO NRC ON TOPICS SUCH  
AS VIABILITY ASSESSMENT AND THE YUCCA MOUNTAIN  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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COMMISSION

ACTION: Direct Reply

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NOTES: BILL HILL TO FOLLOWUP AFTER STAFF MEETING VIA  
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