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Commissioner James R. Curtiss
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Reference: "Should the U.S. Proceed to Consider Licensing Deep Geological Disposal of High-Level Nuclear Waste", James R. Curtiss, Commissioner, USNRC.

Sir,

You very promptly sent a copy of the reference in response to my request of July 7. I thank you for that response and for the information that it conveyed.

I am seeking to learn a little more about the depth to which the NRC went in establishing its position that "deep geologic disposal is the method that should be developed" for the handling of high-level nuclear waste. Thus, I would very much appreciate receiving from you, NRC reports or notes that present rationale about one level below the statements in the reference. I am particularly interested in the details where the deep geologic disposal method is compared with the deep sea disposal method(s).

I will also appreciate any help you can provide in documents, notes, and/or narrative that would bring me up to date in the following areas:

a. Current status of activities in France relative to their efforts to reprocess high-level nuclear waste and their means or intended means for disposing of the residue from this effort.

b. A thumb-nail sketch of what happened to the U.S. efforts toward reprocessing high-level nuclear waste.

c. Maps or sketches that depict the Yucca Mountain site presently being considered for permanent disposal of our high-level nuclear waste and the Nevada Nuclear Test Sites relative to each other and to Las Vegas and other communities in the same general area.

Please feel free to send responses in any way that is convenient for you; there is no need for it all to arrive in a single package.

Thank you,

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