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LETTER TO NV GOVERNOR

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Mr. Michael Baughman, President
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Dear Mr. Baughman:

On December 28, 1988, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) issued the Site Characterization Plan (SCP) for the Yucca Mountain, Nevada site. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) began its review of the SCP on January 3, 1989. The review is scheduled to take seven months, culminating in issuance of the NRC Site Characterization Analysis (SCA).

The NRC's Site Characterization Plan Review Plan (SCPRP) was previously transmitted to affected parties by letter dated December 21, 1988. The SCPRP contains the schedule for NRC staff's review activities leading to issuance of the SCA. The schedule allows for the opportunity for interactions, such as meetings and conference calls, between affected parties and the NRC staff at various times during NRC staff review of the SCP. These interactions will occur depending on the desire of the affected parties for SCP-related interactions during the seven-month review period.

An early major step in the NRC's SCP review process is the acceptance review, during which the NRC staff is to ascertain whether the SCP and supporting information is complete enough for meaningful staff review. Affected parties will be notified of the results of the acceptance review when it has been completed.

During the course of the NRC's SCP review there may need to be interactions between NRC and DOE to address particular aspects of the SCP. In the event that such interactions are scheduled, affected parties will be notified as early as possible to afford the opportunity to attend and participate in those interactions.

If you or your staff have any questions concerning this letter or the NRC's SCP review, please contact John Linehan of my staff. Mr. Linehan can be contacted by telephone at 301-492-3387.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert M. Bernero

Robert M. Bernero, Acting Director
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