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Ivan Selin  
Chairman  
United States Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in response to your invitation to expand on a conversation you had with Carl Johnson and Steve Frishman, of my staff, during a January 13, 1992, visit to the Yucca Mountain potential high-level nuclear waste repository site. As you recall, the discussion centered on matters regarding the NRC/DOE staff relationship during the pre-license application period, and the meaning and significance intended by the various parties in their references to "closure" of items or issues. I was pleased to hear of your firm view at the time that no issues will be considered "closed" prior to a license proceeding.

I have not written sooner because in the period following that discussion there have been some events that had direct bearing on the subject at hand. The most important, I believe was the February 6, 1992, NRC/DOE staff management meeting which is summarized and discussed in the attached letter to John Linehan of your staff.

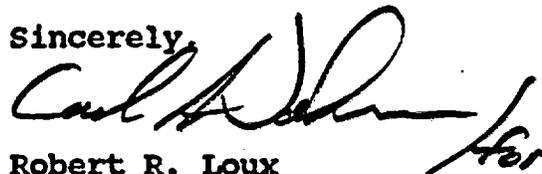
As I noted in that letter, a process now has been set in motion to arrive at mutual understandings of the matters about which our concern was expressed to you. I view this as a useful and constructive step, and look forward to the State's continued participation in establishing understandings among all parties within existing statutory and regulatory requirements during the pre-license application period.

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I appreciate your interest in the matters which you discussed with my staff, and will keep you notified of our views of progress as the process continues to develop.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl A. Loux", written over the word "Sincerely,". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Robert R. Loux  
Executive Director

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