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To Interested Parties:

The State of Nevada has been carrying out studies of the potential social and economic impacts of a repository at Yucca Mountain as mandated by the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

In order to assure the scientific quality of the work, the State hired nationally respected researchers to undertake the studies and gave them broad authority to evaluate the impacts of the repository. The State also invited leading national experts to independently review the studies and comment on the appropriateness of the methodology and the accuracy of the findings.

At a time when public trust and confidence in all levels of government is declining and particularly trust in governments' ability to manage nuclear wastes, the State of Nevada's goal has been to ensure the Federal funds applied to these studies would bring results that met the highest standards of scientific credibility. We believe this goal is being accomplished and that important issues of national policy are being addressed in the context of the studies.

The preliminary findings of the Nevada socioeconomic studies were recently published and shared with the U.S. Department of Energy. Subsequently, the Technical Review Committee issued the enclosed statement on the quality of scientific methods employed and the reliability of findings.

For further information concerning the State of Nevada's Socioeconomic impact assessment work, contact Joseph Strolin, Administrator of Planning Division, Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects, at (702) 687-3744.

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