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Mr. Ralph Stein, Acting Associate Director  
Office of Systems Integration and Regulation  
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste  
Management  
U. S. Department of Energy, RW-24  
Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Mr. Stein:

The NRC is aware that the Nevada Nuclear Waste Storage Investigations (NNWSI) Project maintains at least two data bases containing information relevant to the proposed high-level waste repository site at Yucca Mountain. We understand that the Reference Information Data Base (RIB) is to contain Level I data to be used in licensing, while the Scientific and Engineering Properties Data Base (SEPDB) contains the scientific and engineering data being collected by DOE relative to the Yucca Mountain site. The need for NRC to have timely access to DOE data has been recognized in the NRC/DOE Site-Specific Procedural Agreement (Section 3(C), Site Investigation and Site Characterization Data for Potential Repository Sites). It is important for the NRC staff to have ready access to the DOE data bases if we are to make independent evaluations and be properly prepared for pre-licensing technical consultations with DOE. Therefore, I request the following information:

1. Names and locations of data bases maintained by DOE other than RIB and SEPDB that contain data pertinent to the siting of a repository at Yucca Mountain;
2. Catalogues of the data contained in RIB, SEPDB, and the other pertinent data bases identified by DOE;
3. Instructions on how to electronically access RIB, SEPDB, and the other pertinent data bases identified by DOE.

In addition, would you please take whatever action is needed to arrange for NRC to be able to electronically access RIB, SEPDB, and the other pertinent data bases identified by DOE.

If you have any questions regarding these requests, please contact King Stablein (FTS 492-0446) of my staff.

Sincerely,

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