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Mr. Lando Zech, Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Matomic Building  
1717 H. Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Zech:

The State of Nevada has conducted a preliminary review of two of the Department of Energy's study plans for characterizing Yucca Mountain for a high-level nuclear waste repository. As we understand, these study plans describe tests to be performed during construction of the exploratory shaft.

The State finds these plans to be inadequate for understanding the DOE's program for characterization for the following reasons:

- 1) insufficient detail about study methodology and activities
- 2) no discussion of quality assurance requirements for studies.

A copy of the State's letter to DOE relating to the results of our preliminary review is attached.

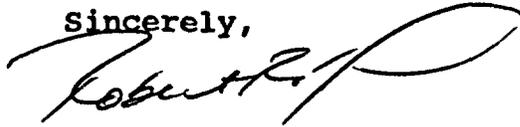
It is our understanding the NRC is conducting a review of these study plans and the State would be most interested in the Commission's views on these study plans.

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I hope to hear from you soon on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert R. Loux". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Robert R. Loux  
Executive Director

RRL/CAJ/sjc

Enclosure

cc: Robert Browning, NRC ✓