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Dear Mr. Eschner:

I have read with interest, abstract No. 133106, for a paper entitled "Detachment Faulting Beneath Yucca Mountain: Conditions Potentially Adverse to Safe Storage on Nuclear and High-Level Radioactive Waste." The points that are of specific interest to me is the logical arguments that you will present outlining how the detachment fault will adversely affect the Yucca Mountain location with respect to long-term containment and isolation of the high-level radioactive waste. Of particular interest will be your approach to addressing each of the regulations notes (10 CFR 60.4-2-7, 4-2-3, and 4-2-1).

The intent of this letter is to request a copy of your paper so that we may benefit from your independent analysis of the three segments of the regulation. We are also interested in the field investigations that you have personally conducted in this area and the peer review your work has received. We hope that you can provide us a hard copy of your work; we would hope that your views do not disappear into the ether subsequent to your oral presentation.

We look forward to receiving a copy of your paper.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Vieth

Donald L. Vieth, Director
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