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Shirley Ann Jackson, Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Chairman Jackson:

It has come to my attention that the Acting Director of the Department of Energy's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management is briefing the Commission on May 15,1997 on the progress at Yucca Mountain and related topics. The State of Nevada is requesting the opportunity to address the Commission with its views of the Department of Energy's program and related topics immediately following the Department's briefing.

As you know, it has been several years since the State last addressed the Commission with it's views of the Yucca Mountain program. With Commissioner Rogers being the only remaining Commissioner from that time, I believe that it would be important for the Commission, in particular the new Commissioners, to hear from the State about it's concerns with the current program, with the Department's plans to move forward with changes to the Siting Guidelines (10CFR960), and the Viability Assessment that the Department plans to issue in 1998. These are issues of great concern to the State.

I look forward to your response. Should you or your staff have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Sincerely,

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