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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Q&As)

The Division of High-Level Waste Management has reviewed the subject Q&As, and has found that only one pertains to activities within the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS). That was DOE's response to question number 1, which deals with legislation introduced on the National Energy Strategy (NES) related to managing high-level nuclear waste. In the response, DOE states that one aspect of the legislation covers reforms needed to the measures to site and license a permanent waste repository and monitored retrievable storage (MRS) facility. The legislative measures discussed in the NES include legislation to allow for the timely determination of the suitability of Yucca Mountain, and to make the licensing of the MRS facility independent of the schedule for siting and licensing the repository.

Based on its review of the information provided in the response, NMSS has no comment on the DOE Q&As.

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