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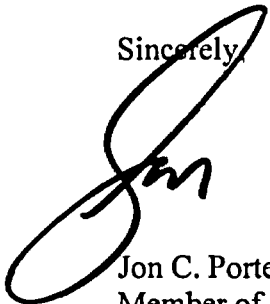
Dear Chairman Diaz,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff conducting closed-door meetings with Department of Energy (DOE) officials regarding key issues on the Yucca Mountain project. During the week of November 17-21, NRC staff conducted meetings with DOE officials, none of which involved the State of Nevada and the public. It is my understanding that the subject matter and issues which were discussed at that time have been previously address in a public forum.

I have also been informed that another round of closed-door meetings is to occur during the week of December 8-12, 2003. I have no other choice but to see this as another effort to withhold vital information from the State and the public on an issue of grave importance to the public's health and well-being. As I am sure you are aware, the continuation of such secret meetings will only further erode the public's confidence in the NRC as an independent regulatory agency.

With that being said, pursuant to 10 CFR 63.63, I ask that you follow these guidelines and not to shut out observers from the State or the public on such matters again in the future. Therefore, I am requesting a fully disclosed copy of the minutes of the closed-door meetings taking place during the week of December 8-12, 2003, as soon as possible following the conclusion of the meeting, along with minutes from the November meetings.

Sincerely,



Jon C. Porter
Member of Congress