Mr. Les W. Bradshaw, Manager Nuclear Waste Repository Project Office P. O. Box 1767 Tonopah, Nevada 89049

SUBJECT: NYE COUNTY SPONSORED PNEUMATIC PATHWAYS WORKSHOP,

JANUARY 26-27, 1994

Dear Mr. Bradshaw:

Thank you for your invitation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Division of High-Level Waste technical staff to participate in the upcoming Nye County Pneumatic Pathways Workshop on January 26-27, 1994. This letter is to notify you that the NRC will be pleased to attend.

Mr. William Ford, a hydrologist from my staff, will attend the workshop to provide comments on NRC site characterization concerns related to the topic of the workshop. As you know, the NRC staff, in its review of U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) site characterization documents has identified concerns related to the potential for impacts of the exploratory studies facility excavation on other site characterization data gathering activities. Mr. Ford will be prepared to discuss the basis for those NRC staff concerns and the status of those concerns.

I wish you a successful workshop. If my staff or I can be of further assistance, please contact me at (301) 504-3404 or Charlotte Abrams at (301) 504-3403 or William Ford at (301) 504-2506.

Sincerely,

B. J. Youngblood, DirectorDivision of High-Level WasteManagementOffice of Nuclear Material Safetyand Safeguards

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