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Attn: Rulemakings and Adjudications staff

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RE: Comments of White Pine County (Nevada) to NRC Proposed Rule Concerning Licensing Proceeding for the Receipt of High-Level Radioactive Waste at a Geologic Repository: Licensing Support Network, Submissions to the Electronic Docket

To Whom It May Concern:

These comments are provided on behalf of White Pine County (Nevada). White Pine County is one of ten counties that have been designated by the Secretary of Energy (pursuant to Section 116 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, as amended) as potentially "affected" by the proposed geologic repository at Yucca Mountain. The Department of Energy (DOE) has identified within the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Yucca Mountain truck routes for transport of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste (SNF/HLW) through White Pine County. Highway routes through the County are also likely candidates for designation as preferred routes by Nevada's Governor (to avoid shipments through the Las Vegas Valley). Accordingly, White Pine County may elect to be a party to, and at the least will likely seek to be recognized as a prospective "interested governmental participant" in, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing proceeding for the receipt of high-level radioactive waste at the proposed Yucca Mountain geologic repository.

Given the likely participation of White Pine County in the licensing proceeding for the receipt of high-level radioactive waste at the proposed Yucca Mountain geologic repository, the County is interested in the NRC requirements for making certain information to be used during licensing available in electronic form. White Pine County has participated in various meetings of the NRC's Licensing Support Network Advisory Panel.

White Pine County has reviewed the subject proposed rule and believes that adoption of the suggested revisions to 10 CFR Part 2 described therein will enhance the ability of parties and interested governmental participants to comply with electronic filing requirements. The County further believes that the proposed changes will enhance the accessibility of information contained within the Licensing Support Network.

White Pine County is concerned that the information considered by NRC during licensing be of the broadest base and encourages clarification of the extent to which Yucca Mountain repository system transportation related information would be considered during licensing and therefore required for inclusion within the LSN. The County

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believes that the Yucca Mountain licensing proceeding should encompass all aspects of the Yucca Mountain repository transportation system and therefore all related transportation information should be required for inclusion within the LSN.

NRC is encouraged to adopt the revisions to 10 CFR Part 2 as proposed.

Sincerely,

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