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Re: DOE General Guidelines for the Recommendation of
Sites for Nuclear Waste Repositories, proposed 10
CFR Part 960.

Dear Mr. Boyle:

The enclosed Supplemental Statement and Appendix indicate the Sierra Club's deep concern about DOE's proposed siting guidelines for high-level nuclear waste repositories. While the Club has commented several times on this matter, only recently have we had the benefit of professional geological and hydrological advice.

The Club's concern is over the ability of the guidelines to provide for protection of the public and the environment for that period of time during which dangerous concentrations of radioactive isotopes would be present in a repository. Our concern is explained in some detail in the enclosed.

During the week of December 10, we and our experts hope to meet with DOE and EPA in Washington, D.C. to voice and discuss our concerns. We would very much like to meet with you and concerned members of your staff. Brooks Yeager of the Sierra Club's Washington, D.C. Office will shortly be in touch with you in the hope that we can arrange a time that is suitable.

Sincerely,

H. Anthony Ruckel

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cc: Brooks Yeager

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