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SUBJECT: LICENSING SUPPORT SYSTEM INTERACTION

Dear John:

This correspondence is intended as a follow-up to the excellent meeting we had in December. As you may or may not be aware, oversight funding for the State of Nevada and affected units of local government will probably not be available for FY 1996. This places Clark County and others in the difficult position of having to monitor on-going site characterization activities, for as long as we are able, with our remaining FY 1995 funds.

While the current budgetary constraints will, undoubtedly, make it impossible to develop a Licensing Support System (LSS) as originally envisioned, I feel that it is important to continue discussions on the process of managing data to facilitate licensing review in the future. The need for the systematic collection and organization of the increasing amounts of information that continue to be generated is as critical as ever.

From our standpoint, the early implementation of an LSS-like system is imperative given current or future oversight requirements. The continuation of efforts of such a system, even on a reduced scale, is still essential.

I hope that, with your cooperation, we can continue to work towards the development of a system designed to the standards envisioned in the original LSS rule. The Department of Energy (DOE) must also be encouraged to at least tailor their current document control system to facilitate future transfer to an LSS-like system in a timely and cost-effective manner.

While budget constraints will prohibit Clark County and others from attending meetings, in Washington, D.C., at least in the short term, we can still discuss these issues by conference call, or perhaps by using DOE's videoconferencing capabilities.

If there is interest in continuing LSS discussions, a partial list of topics could include the following:

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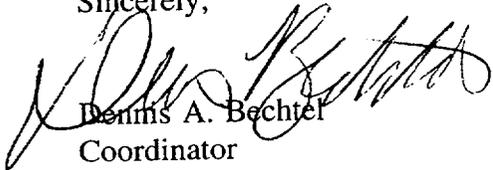
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1. The Status and future of the LSS.
2. DOE's current thinking with respect to data management for licensing.
3. LSS maintenance issues
4. The future role of an LSSARP.
5. Public involvement and access to licensing information.

Let's discuss this and set up a time for a meeting. If you have any questions please contact Engelbrecht or me at (702) 455-5175

Sincerely,



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