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Ms. Annette L. Vietti-Cook
Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
11555 Rockville Pike
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Subject: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Initial Certification of Compliance with Licensing Support Network (LSN) Requirements

Dear Ms. Vietti-Cook:

Enclosed are an original and two copies of the initial LSN certification by DOE, with supporting exhibits, pursuant to 10 CFR 2.1009 that procedures have been implemented and documentary material is available, in connection with DOE's License Application for authorization to construct a high-level radioactive waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. Because the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has not yet appointed a Pre-License Application Presiding Officer, DOE is providing its initial certification to the NRC through your office. For NRC's convenience, an electronic copy of the initial certification and exhibits are on the enclosed compact disk.

The documentary material that DOE is making available can be publicly accessed through the DOE's participant server, which is linked to the LSN central server and the website for the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management. DOE also has been providing the LSN Administrator with access to the documentary material for "crawling" pursuant to the LSN Administrator's guidelines. DOE requests that the NRC continue to withhold the index of DOE's documentary material that the LSN Administrator has created until the LSN Administrator has verified to DOE that the accession numbers correspond accurately to the documents DOE has provided for release, including all corrections and deletions to the index.

The DOE will supplement its production as additional documentary material is identified and will file an updated certification when it files its License Application.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions concerning the enclosed materials, please contact me at (702) 794-1300, or Harry E. Leake of my staff at (702) 794-1457.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. John Arthur, III".

W. John Arthur, III
Deputy Director

Enclosures:

1. Initial Certification by DOE (3 copies)
2. Compact Disk (Initial Certification with Exhibits)

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