

July 21, 2004

Mr. W. John Arthur, III, Deputy Director
U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
Office of Repository Development
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Las Vegas, NV 89134-6321

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR OFFICE SPACE

Dear Mr. Arthur:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has announced that it plans to submit an application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in December 2004, for the proposed Yucca Mountain geologic repository. Should NRC determine that the application is acceptable for docketing, NRC plans to initiate a licensing review and to implement an inspection program of the DOE Yucca Mountain Project pursuant to our regulatory oversight responsibilities. This will result in an increase in the regulatory activities which will be conducted out of the NRC's Las Vegas Office. The inspection program will be implemented and managed by the NRC's Region IV office in Arlington, Texas, under the oversight of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards. In order to effectively implement the inspection program, NRC will use Las Vegas-based resident inspectors as well as visiting inspectors from Region IV and other NRC offices.

The NRC onsite representative's office is currently located in DOE's Hillshire complex. An increase in regulatory activities will create a need for a larger office area to replace the current office. The anticipated need for a larger office area has been the subject of recent discussions between Mr. Joseph Ziegler and other members of your staff and Dr. D. Blair Spitzberg of NRC's Region IV office and other members of the NRC staff. Consequently, pursuant to 10 CFR 63.75(c)(1), this is to formally request that DOE provide rent free office space consistent with the attached specifications as soon as practicable, but no later than December 31, 2004. The new office will be managed by Region IV which will provide furnishings and non-fixed equipment to support the office. At a minimum, the office will be needed throughout the license application review period and subsequent hearings. Should a construction authorization be issued for the repository, NRC will revisit with DOE the needs and locations for office space in Las Vegas and the geologic repository operations area.

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Please provide a response regarding this request to this office with a copy to Bruce Mallett, Regional Administrator, in Region IV. NRC's contact and coordinator for this request is Dr. D. Blair Spitzberg, who may be reached at (817) 860-8191. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Jack R. Strosnider, Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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Enclosure:
Request for NRC's Onsite Offices in Summerlin, NV

cc: See attached list

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Request for NRC's Onsite Offices in Summerlin, Nevada

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requests that the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) provide office space in Summerlin, Nevada, for NRC use that is generally consistent with the following criteria:

1. Located in DOE's Hillshire building if possible.
2. Have one entry/exit door direct to outside.
3. Have DOE key card access to DOE offices.
4. Include four private professional staff offices.
5. Include 3-4 small offices for visiting inspectors/licensing staff
6. Include one conference room for 12-15 personnel with doors at both ends and a room divider partition.
7. Include a common area.
8. Include a secretary station.
9. Include an area that can serve as a reference library with connections for 2 DOE terminals (approx. 12X16 ft.).
10. Include a storage closet for supplies, A/V equipment, etc.
11. Include an IT/telephone switch closet.
12. Be available for occupancy as soon as practicable but no later than December 31, 2004.

NRC will provide furnishings, computers, office equipment, telephone, and communications equipment.

Enclosure