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Shirley Ann Jackson, Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Chairman Jackson:

It has come to my attention that the Acting Director of the Department of Energy's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management is briefing the Commission on May 15, 1997 on the progress at Yucca Mountain and related topics. The State of Nevada is requesting the opportunity to address the Commission with its views of the Department of Energy's program and related topics immediately following the Department's briefing.

As you know, it has been several years since the State last addressed the Commission with its views of the Yucca Mountain program. With Commissioner Rogers being the only remaining Commissioner from that time, I believe that it would be important for the Commission, in particular the new Commissioners, to hear from the State about its concerns with the current program, with the Department's plans to move forward with changes to the Siting Guidelines (10CFR960), and the Viability Assessment that the Department plans to issue in 1998. These are issues of great concern to the State.

I look forward to your response. Should you or your staff have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert R. Loux".

Robert R. Loux
Executive Director

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4/2...To SECY for Direct Reply...Date due: April 23...Copy to: Chairman, Comrs,
SECY to Ack...97-0288.

From: Francis Cameron
To: WJO
Date: 3/25/97 2:45pm
Subject: LSS

Bill: We met with Claudia Newberry and her contractor yesterday in regard to the DOE proposal to explore the possibility of submitting an electronic license application with html links to supporting documents. Claudia left us a demo disk of her initial efforts in this regard and Moe is going to forward that to you. However, Claudia will also have a full electronic version, with html links to supporting documents, of the seismic topical report on the repository in about two weeks. We thought it would be useful for her to demo this for the NRC technical staff as well as the LSS SMT (we should also invite Reamer and Chandler). There's a lot of flexibility on scheduling this, so we'll make sure that it is convenient for you.

We also talked about LSSNET and what the NRC schedule and milestones were for completing the project. I laid out a schedule based on Phase III starting on April 1 or so, and ending approximately three weeks later. The NRC staff would then prepare a Commission Paper and draft Federal Register Notice sometime in the May time period. The remaining challenge, as I see it, is writing the Statement of Considerations that will accompany the rulemaking text.

Claudia suggested that we give strong consideration to having one last meeting of the LSSARP before we send the Commission Paper in order for us to get any final views on the draft proposed rule, implications that we need to account for, etc.. Moe and I were neutral on this, although both of us think that it might be beneficial to have one last face-to-face session at some point. However, even if it is a good idea, we don't know if ARP members would be able or willing to come to this, so the suggestion was that John Hoyle poll the ARP members on the feasibility of getting together. At any rate, Moe and I thought we better get the LSS SMT together to discuss these issues. Moe is going to try to schedule something for next week.

I'm going to draft an intro for Phase III and we'll post the draft rule that you developed. Take care.

CC: TWD1.TWP5.AEL1, TWD2.TWP7.JTG1, JCH, KLV

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Call Claudia →
to set up demo

(can we get doc ahead of time)