Nuclear Regulatory Commission Oct. 13, 2006
Lawrence Kokajko, Director, NRC Division

Dear Director Kokajko,

the Indian tribes and nations have not been given the respect they deserve in the 19TH and 20TH century, and it is time to treat them as sovereign nations. whenever projects such as yucca mountain affect them they should be notified and not have to request to be informed. It is too late for the Western Shoshone nation which had a treaty, in 1863, called the Ruby valley treaty which included yucca mountain and other property in three states, true to form the U.S. Government and the D.O.E. violated the terms of this treaty by deceptive means which include finding a compliant chief and then having a "vote" feigning legality. as far as I know clark county, Nevada and the DOE have no interlocal agreement with them all Indian tribes and nations should automatically be included, in the transportation issue locally and

nationally. It is only fair and equitable that the NRC ensures that the DOE notifies and request their input.

the Bush administration and the D.O.E. have not adhered to scientific principles since 2002. President Bush broke two campaign promises. In 2000 he promised "sound science" as the benchmark on yucca mountain and in 2004 he promised "the courts would decide" on the EPA standard 10,000 years, which was overturned by the courts. Both were broken and the DOE, congress under the leadership of Senator Pete Domenici are attempting to "fix" legislatively and administratively, ignoring sound science, the defects and unsound scientific methods used to meet pre-licensing requirements by the NRC.

the latest outrage is the failure of the DOE Inspector General to act on the over four year old complaint of Kristi Hodges, auditor. also, the IG did not honor a FOIA request by the Las vegas Review Journal until Ms. Hodges

resigned, to add insult to injury the NEI attempted to bribe the state of Nevada to ignore science. a nuclear waste nuclear repository, wherever it is located, must meet scientific standards, under NRC oversight to ensure americans are safe and secure. Bribes and political expediency on the part of the Bush administration, the DOE, congress and the nuclear industry should not trump science.

How can the proposed repository be expanded by 147,000 acres, the capacity be increased from 77,000 metric tons to infinity and $100,000,000.00 be spent to upgrade the facility without NRC approval? Shouldn't the Western Shoshone Nation have the opportunity to give input?

all of those machinations are tied into GNEP and re-processing

of domestic and foreign nuclear waste. How can we discuss re-processing of nuclear waste when our last experience was at West valley N.Y. in 1979.

In the 2007 DOE budget request was this leading sentence; "The yucca mountain project is critical to national and homeland security and for the future of the nation's electrical energy supply, as well as for nuclear non-proliferation and protecting our enviroment."

Please answer these questions: Will transporting nuclear waste nationwide and accepting foreign nuclear waste, risking accidents and terrorism during wartime make america safe and secure? Will the enviroment be protected if and when accidents or terrorist acts occur? GNEP will add to the proliferation of nuclear weapon technology. Didnt N. Korea and (OVER)

Iran gained weapons technology through civilian use of nuclear energy and the assistance of Pakistan's A Q Khan?

India and Pakistan were just advanced nuclear technology. Is this sensible foreign policy since they are enemies who have fought two wars over Kashmir?

I have brought our foreign policy into my comments, because of the over-reaching sentence in the DOE 2007 budget request which spoke of non-proliferation, protecting our enviroment and other non germane subjects.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission must perform oversight on the DOE, the DOE Inspector General's malfeasance and other subject which is germane to a nuclear waste repository.

Sincerely,

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