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February 20, 2007

Lawrence E. Kokajko, Director  
Division of High-Level Waste Repository Safety  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety & Safeguards  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
11545 Rockville Pike  
Two White Flint North  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Mr. Kokajko,

On December 8, 2006, you and other Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) managers met informally with myself and other Nye County officials at our Nuclear Waste Repository Project Office. That meeting was productive and informative and Nye County looks forward to continuing mutually constructive dialogue as the nation moves forward on the Yucca Mountain Project.

During the course of our meeting we discussed the importance of continuous and open communications, especially those communications, including meetings, pre-hearing conferences, and hearings, that will be associated with the licensing proceeding once the Department of Energy submits its repository license application. We went on to discuss the possibility of the NRC providing interactive teleconference capabilities to Nye County for use in Nye County during the licensing proceeding. While there was favorable interest but no commitment to do so at the time, we now respectfully ask that the NRC commit to provide and fund interactive telecommunications for Nye County for the duration of the licensing proceeding to facilitate information exchange and our participation in the process. We would ask that this capability be funded (funding not to exceed \$400,000.00) and be in place not later than June 30, 2008.

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I look forward to your approval of this request and working with you and your staff to put a state of the art teleconferencing capability in place, at an appropriate location, that supports NRC and Nye County repository license application hearings and other public meeting responsibilities. Nye County is willing to provide the conferencing location where the telecommunications equipment will be installed and will work with the NRC staff in finalizing details of the installation such that it will best serve the interests of the public in Nye County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary Hollis".

Gary Hollis, Yucca Mountain Liaison  
Nye County Board of County Commissioners

cc: Board of County Commissioners  
Ward Sproat  
Allen Benson  
Director, NWTRB