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Dr. Lawrence Kokajko, Director
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Re: Inyo County groundwater studies and project reports

Dear Dr. Kokajko,

Enclosed you will find two reports on Inyo County's groundwater studies program. The first report summarizes the program from 2002-2005, and the second is the Year One Report (2006-2007), which details our most recent drilling operations and geochemical sampling. These reports provide analysis on a possible hydraulic connection between Yucca Mountain and springs in Death Valley National park via the Lower Carbonate Aquifer. All of these studies have been graciously funded by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Inyo County remains very concerned about potential impacts to its groundwater resources. The County believes that substantive dialogue with NRC staff before the submission of the License Application in June 2008 is critical in addressing these concerns.

Please contact me at the Yucca Mountain Repository Assessment Office at (760)-873-7356 if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Gaffney", is written over a horizontal line.

Matt Gaffney
Project Coordinator