June 29, 2009

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SUBJECT: YUCCA MOUNTAIN - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION- SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT, VOLUME 3—SET 1 FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING POSTCLOSURE CHAPTERS 2.2.1.4.1, 2.2.1.4.2, AND 2.2.1.4.3.

Dear Mr. Williams:

By application dated June 3, 2008, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) requested the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approval of a construction authorization.

NRC staff has reviewed the information provided in your submittal and determined that additional information is required in order to complete its review. Questions in the enclosed request for additional information (RAI) were e-mailed on June 17, 2009, and discussed in a telephone call with Ms. Corinne Macaluso, et al., of your staff on June 25, 2009. This pertains to three separate RAI sets: Set 1 of Safety Evaluation Report Chapter 2.2.1.4.1, Demonstration of Compliance with the Post Closure Individual Protection Standard; Set 1 of Chapter 2.2.1.4.2, Demonstration of Compliance with the Human Intrusion Standard; and Set 1 of Chapter 2.2.1.4.3, Demonstration of Compliance with the Separate Ground Water Protection Standard. The DOE stated that it plans to respond to these RAIs by July 27, 2009, the date specified in NRC's June 17, 2009 e-mail.

DOE requested a follow up meeting to further discuss NRC's requirements for complying with the Human Intrusion Standard. This public phone meeting has been tentatively schedule to occur some time within the next two weeks.

NRC staff considers that timely responses to RAIs help ensure sufficient time is available for staff review to meet its 10 CFR Part 2 schedule requirements and contribute toward the NRC's goal of efficient and effective use of staff resources. If circumstances result in the need to revise the requested response date, please contact me at (301) 492-3180.

Sincerely,

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