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**From:** McDonough, Alexander (Reid) [Alexander\_McDonough@reid.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 23, 2008 10:59 AM  
**To:** Amy Powell  
**Subject:** RE: Checking in re: briefing request

We also invited Andrew Shaw from Sen. Ensign's office, and he plans to attend. That's the only other office we invited.

Alex

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**From:** McDonough, Alexander (Reid)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 23, 2008 9:15 AM  
**To:** 'Amy Powell'  
**Cc:** Cristinzio, Dayle (Reid)  
**Subject:** RE: Checking in re: briefing request

Hi Amy - Below are some points that we hope to discuss during Tuesday's meeting. Thanks again,

Alex

- Web streaming of Yucca Mountain licensing hearings for public/AULG access.
- Future of NRC's Las Vegas facility (we have heard concerns about it being closed). Which proceedings will take place in the Las Vegas facility, assuming the LA is docketed?
- Schedule for licensing proceedings. When will preconference hearings on petitions/contentions begin?
- How will delays in releasing the final EPA radiation standard for Yucca Mountain impact NRC's review of the LA?
- What does NRC consider the license application – the physical document filed by DOE on June 3<sup>rd</sup> only, or does it include all documents incorporated by reference?
- NRC staff communication with DOE and third parties (congressional offices, interest groups, NEI, other lobbyists, etc).
- Has NRC considered the proximity of the docketing decision to the presidential election? Does staff have the authority to decide when to make its docketing decision?
- What assumptions is the Commission making (with respect to its budget, number of contentions it will likely review, DOE's outstanding documents/facility designs, etc.) when it says that the LA review can be completed within 4 years?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Amy Powell [mailto: Amy.Powell@nrc.gov]  
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Great - thanks! I'll also try to touch base with you before Thursday to check in and confirm.

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Sent: Tue Jun 17 09:55:43 2008  
Subject: Re: Checking in re: briefing request

Hi Amy - 5 pm on Tuesday works. We'll put it on our calendar. Thanks,

Alex

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Alex McDonough  
Office of Senator Harry Reid  
Sent from Blackberry

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From: Amy Powell  
To: McDonough, Alexander (Reid)  
Sent: Tue Jun 17 08:08:01 2008  
Subject: Checking in re: briefing request

Good morning Alex -

I am sorry that the scheduling of your requested briefing is dragging a bit. 5pm on Tuesday 6/24 is looking like a "go" at this point with one caveat - I still need to confirm that the Director of the Division of HLW is available. His calendar shows "open" but I always prefer to hear directly... Let's plan on that date/time unless you hear differently from me.

Thanks for your patience - I hope to talk to you prior to Thursday's meeting.

Amy

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