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Thank you Amy.

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Hi all - Happy New Year! I hope that you all enjoyed some time off before everything started up again...

I realize that you all are on NRC's service lists for matters related to the license review process for the proposed Yucca Mountain repository and get loads of e-mail as a result. However, I want to offer three quick points of interest that may be helpful to you in your work:

1. Petitions to intervene, contentions filed: The deadline to petition to intervene (aka requests hearing) was December 22, 2008. 14 petitions were filed; among these petitions were approximately 322 contentions (this number could change once the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board or ASLB reviews and makes determinations as to what may be duplicative). Those filing petitions were: 1) State of Nevada, 2) Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), 3) Nye County, 4) Churchill, Esmeralda, Lander, and Mineral Counties, 5) State of California, 6) Eureka County, 7) Lincoln County, 8) Inyo County, 9) White Pine County, 10) Clark County, 11) Native Community Action Council, 12) Timbisha Shoshone Tribe, 13) Timbisha Shoshone Yucca Mountain Oversight Program, and 14) Caliente Hot Springs Resort. DOE and NRC staff have 50 days to file responses to these filings. ASLB will then review. I'll keep you posted as this process moves forward.

2. NRC Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) to DOE: During today's public management meeting between NRC and DOE, the Director of NRC's Division of High Level Waste Repository Safety mentioned that NRC staff has issued 16 sets of Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) to DOE related to staff's review of the license application. These 16 sets are comprised of 82 distinct requests to the Department. A table referencing the NRC staff's RAIs and responses to date is posted on our public Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/waste/hlw-disposal/yucca-lic-app-rai.pdf> The accession numbers (numbers starting with "ML...") can be entered into the "search" box on NRC's ADAMS document system and pulled up to view - ADAMS is posted at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (select "Web-based" then "Begin ADAMS search" to go to the "search" box).

3. Quarterly Management Meetings between NRC and DOE: It was determined at today's meeting that NRC staff and DOE staff will hold public quarterly management meetings to provide updates on the review

process and RAI response process. Because DOE is now the applicant to NRC as a regulatory body, these meetings will NOT go into the discussion of any technical issues related to the application. The focus will be on process. I will let you know when these meetings are held as dates get set.

I'll try to do similar summary e-mails periodically to highlight the key points among all of the docs being generated and sent your way. Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information. I look forward to working with you all again this year!

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