UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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CHAIRMAN

November 5, 2010

The Honorable James M. Inhofe
Ranking Member, Committee on Environmental and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Inhofe:

This is in response to your November 1, 2010 letter about the adjudicatory proceeding regarding the withdrawal of the Yucca Mountain license application. This is an unusual request. Under the Commission's voting process, initial votes on adjudicatory matters are essentially an exchange of preliminary views for discussion and deliberation among the Commissioners. Not until deliberations are complete does the Commission vote on a final Order. The decision of the Commission as a collegial body is captured in this final Order, which is publicly affirmed, and is the public record of the Commission's decision. Therefore, my response to your request must be limited in nature.

Regarding my vote, I first voted on August 25, 2010. I subsequently withdrew my vote and continued active consultation with my colleagues before re-voting on October 29, 2010.

Thank you for your interest in an ongoing adjudication currently before the Commission, and for respecting the importance of maintaining the integrity of the internal deliberative process.

Sincerely,

Gregory B. Jaczko