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SUSPENSION OF LICENSE APPLICATION TASKS

The Administration has determined that Yucca Mountain is not a workable option for a long-term repository for spent nuclear fuel and high-level waste and has not sought funding for the project in the fiscal year 2011 budget. On February 1, 2010, the Department filed a Motion with the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's Construction Authorization Board (CAB) for an interim suspension of discovery as well as a stay of the construction authorization proceeding, other than addressing the CAB's questions from the January 21, 2010, Case Management Conference as well as other parties' written responses. The CAB granted the interim suspension of discovery on February 2, 2010, and on February 16, 2010, the CAB stayed the licensing proceeding until resolution of DOE's motion to withdraw its license application filed on March 3, 2010. The only actions not stayed by the CAB are the preservation and archiving of the Licensing Support Network (LSN) collections of the parties and interested governmental participants, as well as briefing related to DOE's motion to withdraw.

As a result, the Department has suspended all work on the tasks related to the licensing proceeding other than those necessary to comply with DOE's ongoing LSN obligations and to preserve those records and materials that are needed to maintain DOE's ability to participate in the proceeding if it were to resume.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (702) 794-5506, or by email to william_boyle@ymp.gov.

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