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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

March 6, 2017

The Honorable Susan M. Cange  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
for Environmental Management  
Department of Energy  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Ms. Cange:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, I am responding to your February 9, 2017, letter regarding reservations with some of the provisions of the draft final rule Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal (10 CFR Part 61). The draft final rule remains before the Commission for consideration. The Commission appreciates DOE's willingness to ensure that the Commission has a complete understanding of DOE's concerns about the implications of the rule. With regard to your request for a meeting with the NRC staff on the issues, a member of the NRC rulemaking staff responsible for Part 61 will contact your office to arrange a meeting in the near future.

To ensure a complete record, a copy of your letter and this response will be placed on the rulemaking docket.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Svinicki", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kristine L. Svinicki