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August 21, 2017

Kristine L. Svinicki
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: Yucca Mountain License Proceeding

Dear: Chairman Svinicki

On behalf of the citizens and political leaders of Nye County, Nevada, I request that you to hold licensing hearings and other meetings related to the nuclear waste repository for Yucca Mountain within Nye County, Nevada. I serve as the Chair of the Nye County Commission and I have also been designated as the County's liaison Commissioner for nuclear waste issues. In those capacities, I strongly urge you to accept our offer and to hold the license proceedings in Nye County.

I believe this offer is good both for the NRC and Nye County for four reasons.

First, Nye County has facilities equipped and available for use. The County's Commission Chambers in Pahrump is equipped with the latest technologies and is already set up as hearing room. We also have other municipal facilities available for use and good locations if you decide to construct a permanent facility. Use of the existing facilities would allow rapid restart of the proceedings while permanent buildings are constructed.

Second, we believe the proceedings should be held in the site county. This would provide the transparency to the process that is essential for the citizens of the host county.

Third, Nye County has conducted its own scientific studies on issues related to Yucca Mountain. The information and personnel would be readily available in Nye County.

Finally, to the extent that the hearings would generate economic activity, we believe the benefits should flow to the host county.

For all these reasons, we believe Nye County is the only logical location for the hearings. We understand from news reports that you have directed your staff to begin to establish procedures for the license proceeding. Please direct them to work with Nye County regarding this matter. L. Darrell Lacy is the Director of the Nye County Nuclear Repository Project Office, he has been given direction to assist the NRC in any way possible to facilitate your needs for office space and a hearing facility. Mr. Lacy can be reached at llacy@co.nye.nv.us or by phone at (775)751-4240.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Dan Schinhofen,
Chairman

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Dear Chairman Svinicki,

Attached is a letter from Nye County that we are also sending to your office offering the county to host the licensing hearings and other meetings related to the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository. Yucca Mountain is located in Nye County, and we have long pushed to have the licensing hearings move forward so the science can be heard.

Thank you for your time.



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