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Mr. Zabarte, please find attached, our response on behalf of the DOE regarding your requests provided to the NRC involving assistance. A hardcopy of this letter also has been sent to your postal address.

Best regards,

**Thomas C. Poindexter**

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Dear Mr. Zabarte:

In an email dated November 14, 2017, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) informed Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, the Department of Energy's (DOE's) representative to the Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel (LSNARP), that in response to the LSNARP's August 11, 2017 letter requesting contact information for the LSNARP, the Native Community Action Council (NCAC) informed the LSNARP that its telecommunication and computer services are inadequate to support LSNARP-related activities.

The Department of Energy appreciates NCAC's interest in participating in the LSNARP and other activities related to the proposed Yucca Mountain facility in Nye County. The Yucca Mountain licensing proceeding was suspended by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in 2011 and remains suspended at this time. In addition, Congress has not yet appropriated funding for Yucca licensing. Therefore, the DOE is not currently in a position to provide support related to Yucca Mountain to the NCAC.

The DOE looks forward to working with the NCAC at the point in time when funding is approved for Yucca Mountain licensing.

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Poindexter  
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DOE Representative to the  
Department of Energy on the LSN Advisory Panel