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Dr. Andrew Bates, Chairman  
LSNARP  
Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Re: December 18, 2017 email message to LSNARP members

Dear Dr. Bates:

In response to your email message of December 18, 2017, I am writing to inform you that I will be attending the meeting in Rockville on January 30 and 31, 2018 in person.

I participated in the workshop held last month to familiarize people with the ADAMS Licensing Support Network (LSN) Library. It was informative and well put together but I wondered, along with others, why it was scheduled when nothing has changed since the Yucca Mountain project was stopped in 2010. There has been no new Congressional legislation signed into law nor funds appropriated to the Department of Energy (DOE) and/or NRC to begin a restart. We realize that the establishment of a new LSN would take a long time as would the replacement of a division within DOE to become familiar with and prepared to defend the license application in any licensing proceeding. None of that can begin without Congressional appropriation of funding which, of course, would also have to be provided to the State of Nevada and Nevada counties, including Inyo County in California. With no certainty regarding when or if there will be Congressional action and funding, this meeting is premature.

The Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force has worked for thirty years to assist the public in understanding and participating in the Yucca Mountain project. We have provided help to many people and organizations on using the LSN when it was operable and the DOE's license application was under consideration. Despite believing that this meeting is the cart before the horse, we are extremely interested in and concerned about decisions now being made unilaterally by the NRC regarding the re-

establishment of a licensing database for any restart of a Yucca Mountain licensing process.

It is very important to me, the Task Force and those we work with that, if there is a restart to Yucca Mountain licensing, whatever LSN is put into place must be easily and efficiently accessible to the public. As a previous and current member of the LSNARP, I will strongly advocate for such a system. With the advancements in current technology there would be no justification for establishing any system that is not fully amenable to the needs of the interested public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Treichel". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Judy Treichel  
Executive Director