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I want to thank the Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel (LSNARP) Secy and staff for providing the venue in which members of the Advisory Review Panel could meet in person with you in addition to making it possible for other members to participate verbally and with video. For me it was important to be able to be there in person to have the back and forth with those from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). I think our exchanges were important both during the meeting and informally.

Make the LSN as independent from NRC as it can be –

As I mentioned in the meeting, there is public skepticism and distrust toward the federal agencies involved in the forced siting of a repository at Yucca Mountain. It is easy for a misunderstanding or mistake to be seen as an effort to marginalize or minimize the importance of matters of concern to people affected by the repository project. For this reason I believe that it is necessary for the LSN to be as separated as possible from the NRC and for it to be efficient and easily accessible.

Assemble a Technical Advisory Group before proceeding –

The LSNARP has existed for more than twenty years and I think it has been a very important part of the NRC and Department of Energy's (DOE) interaction with each other, other parties and the public. And that valuable interaction played out again during the meeting. The NRC had issued options for the reestablishment of an LSN and during the two days, the options and possibilities became much more understandable. It was pointed out that the ADAMS LSN is a "library" and not a "discovery database." That had not been clear to me. Knowing that, this is now the time for a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) as authorized by the LSNARP charter, or at least a commitment to have one before any database options are adopted. During the first day of the meeting a list of Functional Requirements was presented and agreed to by the participants. With that list, a TAG could make recommendations without a great deal of work.

Moving forward with LSN is premature –

On the second day of the meeting we learned that the NRC has initiated a move to all Cloud. If funding becomes available, this should lead to a reevaluation of the LSN database system and would again, be a perfect time for a TAG to consider what the Commission is doing and what recommendations are best.

NRC and others have not only financial constraints but also uncertainty about whether Yucca Mountain licensing will ever resume.

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