



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

February 27, 2018

The Honorable A. Paul Donohue, Chair
Lincoln County Commission
P.O. Box 90
Pioche, NV 89043

Dear Mr. Donohue,

Dr. Bates of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission forwarded your September 8 letter as Chair of the Lincoln County Commission expressing interest in staying involved in the Yucca Mountain licensing process as an Affected Unit of Local Government. Your letter also observed that Lincoln County does not have sufficient funding or technical resources that would allow your full participation in the licensing process.

The Department of Energy appreciates Lincoln County's interest in participating in the Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel (LSNARP) and other activities related to the proposed Yucca Mountain facility in Nye County and looks forward to working with you and others from Lincoln County at the point in time when funding is approved for Yucca Mountain licensing. However, we are not currently in a position to provide financial support to Nye County related to Yucca Mountain.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William J. Boyle".

William J. Boyle
Director, Office of Spent Fuel
and Waste Science and Technology

cc: Dr. Andrew Bates, NRC

