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Unfortunately, we will not be able to honor your request to relocate the planned December 8, 1999, meeting to Pahrump, Nevada. To support our efforts to involve the public in identifying issues and resolution options, two meetings were scheduled: one in the East (November 17, 1999, near Washington, D.C.) and one in the West (December 8, 1999, near Las Vegas). The convention center in Henderson was selected based on its availability, cost, and because it is near the airport. In planning for this meeting, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is inviting individuals representing a wide range of viewpoints to sit at the roundtable and participate in the discussions. Our facilitator, Mr. Chip Cameron, is contacting Mr. Jim Williams, your transportation expert, regarding Nye County's participation at the roundtable.

The forthcoming roundtable discussions will not be the only opportunity for public participation in the NRC's study of spent fuel transportation accidents. For example, we have established a World Wide Web site, <http://td.sandia.gov/nrc/modal.htm>, with a forum for interaction on comments. We believe that additional, future meetings and workshops will be appropriate as the project progresses. We have not yet considered the objectives, timing, locations, and other details of such meetings. At the two meetings this year, we will be seeking recommendations on ways to improve our interactions for this project with all the interested parties.

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