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April 19, 2002

The Honorable Christine Todd Whitman
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D.C. 20460

RE: Department of Energy's Final Environmental Impact Statement for Yucca Mountain

Dear Ms. Whitman;

I have reviewed a copy of your February 11, 2002 letter to Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham regarding the FEIS for Yucca Mountain. Your letter states that EPA has reviewed the FEIS and that the Agency intends to work with the Department of Energy (DOE) as necessary to fulfill statutory obligations with regard to Yucca Mountain.

Attached, please find a copy of a letter from DOE that indicates that the Department does not anticipate issuing a Record of Decision regarding the Yucca Mountain project. Please note that DOE has, in 10 CFR 1021, adopted the regulations for implementing NEPA published by the Council On Environmental Quality in 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508.

Having received and reviewed a FEIS for Yucca Mountain, Eureka County would appreciate EPA's timely response to the following questions:

1. Does EPA intend to issue a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register regarding the FEIS for Yucca Mountain?
2. Will a 30-day review period on the FEIS for Yucca Mountain occur and if so, on what date would said review period commence?
3. To whom within the EPA should comments on the FEIS for Yucca Mountain be addressed?
4. What will EPA do with comments it receives on the FEIS for Yucca Mountain.

Your reply to these questions is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Pete Goicoechea
Chairman
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