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Subject: Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada, (64 Fed. Reg. 44,200 - August 13, 1999).

Dear Ms. Dixon:

These are Carolina Power & Light (CP&L) Company comments related to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada.

- 1 CP&L encourages the Department of Energy to consider those comments made by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on behalf of the nuclear power industry.
- 2 Specifically, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement effectively satisfies the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and Nuclear Waste Policy Act. In addition, it should be noted that the proposed action would support the continued viability of a strong nuclear power program in the U.S. At the present time, 103 operating nuclear plants supply approximately 20% of U.S. electricity. In doing so, these plants bestow upon the nation significant environmental benefits such as their avoidance of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions.

Please contact me at (919) 546-4579 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dr. William D. Travers, Executive Director for Operations, NRC
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