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Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom
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Reference: U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Supplement 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

Dear Ms. Borgstrom:

1 Thank you for the opportunity to review the above-referenced supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed radioactive waste repository at Yucca Mountain. At this time, this Office does not have the technical expertise to evaluate the nature of the environmental impacts that may be expected from the modified design compared to the Draft EIS. If you should have any questions, please contact Andrea McLaughlin of my staff at (202) 452-7717.

Sincerely,

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