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Hon. Spencer Abraham  
Secretary of Energy  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Abraham:

Enclosed is the State of Nevada's report on impacts of the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository program. This report is being provided pursuant to Section 114(a)(1)(H) and Section 116 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, as amended.

Should you decide to recommend development of Yucca Mountain as a repository in spite of Nevada's strenuous objections, we expect that the State's impact report will be included with the materials that comprise your "comprehensive statement of the basis of such recommendation" to the President, as required by the Act.

The enclosed report was done to inform the you, the President, members of Congress, and other interested parties about the severe and widespread damage the Yucca Mountain program would do to the country and to Nevada if it is permitted to go forward. The report does not seek to make a case for mitigation, compensation, or benefits. It is Nevada's position that there is no form or amount of compensation that will make this fatally flawed and dangerous program acceptable, for Nevada or for the nation as a whole. The only way to "fix" the program is to acknowledge that it is unfixable and, thereby, permit the nation to move on and consider other, more appropriate, less damaging, and more promising approaches to managing spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

Thanks you for you attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Robert R. Loux".

Robert R. Loux  
Executive Director

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Enclosure

cc Governor Guinn  
Nevada Congressional Delegation  
Commission on Nuclear Projects