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Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 11:51 AM
To: Parrish, John
Subject: Meeting with Inyo County

Mr. Parrish,

I am writing on behalf of Supervisors Susan Cash and Richard Cervantes of Inyo County who will be visiting Sacramento July 24-26. In your absence on those dates, we would like to request a meeting with Bridgette Luther or Jason Marshall to discuss the County's current concerns with the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository. We were referred to you by Barbara Byron of the California Energy Commission, who felt that it would be useful to establish direct communication with the Department of Conservation.

Inyo County has been participating in a congressionally funded oversight program that allows the County to monitor progress on the repository, inform citizens, and carry out studies of potential impacts. Over the past five years, the Department of Energy has supplemented these funds with cooperative agreement grants for hydrologic drilling to test the connection between the Yucca Mountain aquifer and the discharge points in Death Valley National Park. The Park is a valued national asset for 1.5 million visitors per year, and an important economic resource for Inyo County. The County is concerned with the potential for radioactive contamination of the groundwater supply, and is undertaking an extensive research program in preparation for licensing hearings before the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

We would like to request an opportunity to discuss recent findings from the Inyo County research program. We would also like to identify future research that may impact the State of California, and to consider areas of future coordination between the County and the State with respect to licensing hearings on the proposed repository. The persons attending the meeting would be:

Susan Cash, Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Richard Cervantes, Supervisor, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Rennie Holland, Project Coordinator, Yucca Mountain Repository Assessment Office

Matt Gaffney, Project Assistant, Yucca Mountain Repository Assessment Office

John Gervers, President, Latir Energy Consultants

The best time for us would be on Tuesday, July 25th or the morning of Wednesday, July 26th.

Thank you for helping to set up this meeting.

Sincerely,

John Gervers
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