

August 25, 2000

Mr. Les W. Bradshaw, Department Manager
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Dear Mr. Bradshaw:

I am responding to your letter of June 9, 2000, concerning the Commission's review and concurrence process for the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) draft final "General Guidelines for Nuclear Waste Repositories and Yucca Mountain Site Suitability Guidelines" (10 CFR Part 963). The Commission will make a final determination on an appropriate concurrence process after it completes its review of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff analysis of the DOE draft final siting guidelines. Let me assure you that NRC will take full advantage of the public comments DOE received earlier on the draft siting guidelines, by reviewing them to identify issues of concern.

The Commission will promptly notify you and other potentially interested parties of its decision on the concurrence process. Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please contact Mr. Bill Reamer of NRC's Division of Waste Management at (301) 415-7208.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve