

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
CORRESPONDENCE CONTROL TICKET

Date Printed: Aug 29, 2000 13:05

PAPER NUMBER: LTR-00-0551 LOGGING DATE: 08/28/2000
ACTION OFFICE: OGC

AUTHOR: Brien Walters
AFFILIATION: NV
ADDRESSEE: CHRM Richard Meserve
SUBJECT: Concerns formal hearing process used in NRC plant licensings

ACTION: Appropriate
DISTRIBUTION: COMMISSIONERS, EDO

LETTER DATE: 08/25/2000

ACKNOWLEDGED No
SPECIAL HANDLING:

NOTES:

FILE LOCATION: ADAMS

DATE DUE: 12/30/1899 DATE SIGNED:

2008

OGC-00- 003373

template ^{Scay} ~~000~~ 017

ERIDS CGC06

To: Chairman Richard Meserve
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1 White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852-2738

Dear NRC Chairman Richard Meserve:

The formal hearing process that is used in all other NRC plant licensings should be the same for the proposed repository at Yucca Mountain. Changing to an informal process:

(1) gives the appearance that the NRC is doing favors for the DOE, and (2) an informal process will seriously erode the public confidence in the licensing process and the ability of the NRC to regulate.

Sincerely,

Quinn B. Walters
PE