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Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Philip Brochman
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Dear Mr. Brochman:

I am pleased to provide the attached *Strategic Plan for the Safe Transportation of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste to Yucca Mountain: A Guide to Stakeholder Interactions*. The Guide presents the Department of Energy's strategy and describes the process the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) will use to work cooperatively with States, federally-recognized Tribes, local governments, utilities, the transportation industry, and other interested parties to develop and refine the transportation system.

The Guide represents the first step in a process to address transportation issues and topics. In this next phase of the OCRWM program, we look forward to working collaboratively with the Transportation External Coordination (TEC) Working Group's members. We plan to continue utilizing TEC's unique and diverse membership to generate crosscutting reports and studies from the perspective of States, Tribes, local governments, and industry to aid our decision-making. We will also develop other collaborative opportunities for specific input to the OCRWM transportation program's development, depending on the particular interest and the nature of the issue.

OCRWM welcomes comments on the planning process outlined in the Strategic Plan and throughout the life of the transportation program as new issues and topics emerge.



Thank you for your continued interest in the OCRWM transportation program. For more information about the shipment of spent nuclear fuel, please see our brochure located at www.ocrwm.doe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marge', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Margaret S. Y. Chu, Ph.D
Director
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Enclosure