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Re: State of Utah Comments on Proposed Rule Changes to 10 CFR 61 Regarding Low-Level
Radioactive Waste (LLRW) Regulatory Management Issues / Shallow Land Disposal:
Docket ID NRC-2011-0012.

Dear Mr. Persinko:

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in several recent public meetings held by NRC staff to discuss upcoming rule changes to 10 CFR 61, as referenced above. Our staff participated in these meetings which were held on March 2, 2012 (Phoenix), and in Dallas, Texas (May 15, 2012), and Rockville, Maryland (July 19, 2012).

After our participation, we have assembled comments for the NRC staff to consider as they prepare draft changes to the rules. These comments are attached, and were coordinated with members of the Low-Level Waste Forum Part 61 Working Group; which included other LLRW Agreement State agencies.

As a host State for LLRW disposal, we encourage NRC staff to come to Utah and participate in open public meetings, to provide opportunity for our citizens to hear directly from NRC, and for the federal government to receive public feedback on the proposed rule changes.

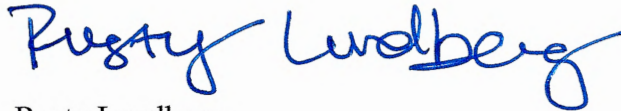
If you or any NRC staff have questions or concerns regarding these comments, or to schedule a public meeting in Salt Lake City, you can contact Loren Morton at 801-536-4262, or lmorton@utah.gov.

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We look forward to working with you in the future as the NRC staff develops and finalizes this important rule change.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Utah Comments

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