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**RE: Freedom of Information Request**

Dear Mr. Morris:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") (5 U.S.C. § 552), we request copies of any and all documents, records, correspondence, reports, analyses, notes, and other written and electronic records, including but not limited to any documents relating to any meetings and communications, relating to (1) the impact on DOE's Civilian Radioactive Waste Management Program and on DOE's ability to meet its obligations under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, as amended, of discontinuing engineering work in support of the Yucca Mountain radioactive waste repository; (2) the continued feasibility of the construction and operation of the proposed high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada; (3) the adequacy of the science and other research that underlies the Yucca Mountain repository license application that is pending at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; (4) the affects on both private and government entities if the Yucca Mountain repository is abandoned or delayed, including but not limited to the financial impacts on the United States Government and the financial and other affects on the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Department of the Navy in particular; (5) possible alternatives to the Yucca Mountain repository; (6) the excised budget documentation that was removed and replaced in the DOE document DOE/CF-042, FY2010 Congressional Budget Request, Budget Highlights, Civilian Radioactive Waste Management page 46-47, May 2009; (7) Obama Administration plans or action to terminate the Yucca Mountain program; (8) appointment and/or formation of a "Blue-Ribbon" or review panel to consider alternatives to Yucca Mountain; and (9) Preparation, drafting, internal review and development of the FY2010 budget request for the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.

The time period of this request is January 20, 2009, to the present. This request does not include any documents or records that are publicly available via the Department of Energy's public reading facilities as described in 10 CFR § 1004.3.

The category of the request herein is "commercial use." The undersigned requests that copies be made of documents responsive to this request without such documents being inspected



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prior to making of copies. Any enclosures or attachments to the above-referenced correspondence are included within the scope of this request.

We agree to pay all reasonable search, review and duplication costs associated with this information request, pursuant to the Public Handbook for Gaining Access to Department of Energy Information. However, we request that you advise us in advance if you anticipate that the cost of the search will exceed $500.00. Any questions or comments concerning this request may be directed to the undersigned. If our request is denied in whole or in part, we ask that you justify the denied information by reference to specific FOIA exemptions. We also request that you release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

And although we request the standard, FOIA required response time of twenty (20) business days, due to the large public benefit to be gained by this inquiry, we do hope for a somewhat expedited response.

Very truly yours,

David H. Bass
Executive Director