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April 3, 2000

President William Clinton  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

*Subject: LOC support for opening the Yucca Mountain repository for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste*

Dear President Clinton:

1 At its meeting of March 30, 2000, the Board of the Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR) Local Oversight Committee, Inc., (LOC) voted to support opening the proposed repository for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

In February 2000, the Citizens' Advisory Panel (CAP) of the LOC submitted comments on DOE/EIS-0250D, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF) and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada. Key policy points that were raised in these comments have been endorsed by the LOC Board and are summarized below.

- Appropriate disposal (or recycling) of SNF is a necessary component of the nuclear industry fuel life cycle. Nuclear power is a key means of reducing U.S. carbon dioxide emissions and lessening the potential for global warming.
- The Records of Decision for disposition of surplus weapons-grade materials, including highly enriched uranium and plutonium, plan for conversion and fabrication of these materials into reactor fuel with ultimate disposition as SNF at the end of their life cycle.
- The preferred alternative in the draft EIS supports the nation's goal of nonproliferation as well as DOE's Environmental Management program by the inclusion of about 7,000 metric tons of heavy metal of DOE SNF and high-level radioactive waste.

2 Additionally, the LOC Board strongly urges that the federal government provide sufficient funds to Nye County and other Nevada counties impacted by waste transport to Yucca Mountain for the purpose of ensuring adequate local capabilities for emergency preparedness, communications, and response.

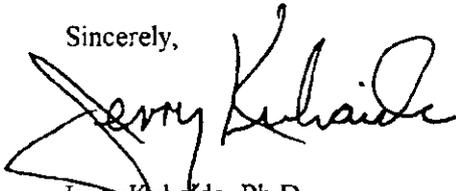
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Kuhada". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Jerry Kuhada, Ph.D.  
Chair, LOC Board

cc: Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy  
Earl Leming, Director, TDEC DOE Oversight Division