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U. S. Department of Energy
Secretary Spencer abraham

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Dear Secretary abraham,

It was gratifying to hear of the cancellation of the two planned DOE-NRC meetings Sept. 24 2:00 P.M. — 9:00 P.M. in Pahrump and amargosa valley. I am certain that the overwhelming response of nevadans and the small capacity of these two locations led to this decision.

Many fellow activists resented the fact that the September 5th meeting was not re-scheduled to a more suitable location. added to this resentment was the cancellation and then rescheduling, both on short notice, of the two northern nevada meetings.

I hope my complaints against the DOE are not disregarded or minimalized. after the cowardly terrorists attack, of September 11, any attack against the first

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amendment must be treated in a timely fashion. I can not understand why your office never responded to my phone calls. If I had been called and my concerns addressed, my complaint to Senator Harry Reid, Senator John Ensign and congressman Jim Gibbons may have not been necessary.

September 11TH made warnings of terrorist attacks reality, not theoretical. Why hasn't the DOE, NRC and Congress considered that, in these dangerous times, transportation of nuclear waste, through 44 states, is an unacceptable risk due to terrorism.

There are a multitude of scientific reasons to reject yucca mountain as a nuclear repository, the risk of terrorism in transportation should be factored in to abandon the yucca mountain

project.

all americans must now use their energies to be more involved in our representative Democracy. I would hope that they will become politically informed and vote in their long neglected patriotism.

nevadans should not have to use their energies and political activism in an unfair, inequitable and unscientific DOE-NRC attempt to force nevadans to accept a yucca mountain nuclear repository.

Dry cask storage is far safer, with a 44 year safety record, and economical with more security than geological storage. The nuclear waste fund can be used to establish 106 separate (or less) repositories, on site. Ninety million dollars, per site, should be more than enough to establish these repositories.

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I am certain the nuclear power lobby and the nuclear power producers will resist this scientific and patriotic solution. they have the legal advantage and will be reluctant to relinquish it. after the cowardly terrorist acts of September 11th an appeal to their patriotism might be effective.

God bless america.

Sincerely,

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c/c President George W. Bush

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