

January 10, 2002

The Honorable Spencer Abraham
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
Fax number 202.586.4403

Dear Secretary Abraham,

I am writing on behalf of a coalition of national environmental, public interest, and safe energy organizations – whose combined memberships represent many hundreds of thousands of Americans -- to request a meeting with you about the proposed national repository for high-level nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. Just today several media sources have reported that you might give 30 days' notice to Nevada Governor Guinn that you intend to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to President Bush, and that your recommendation is imminent. We respectfully request an opportunity to meet with you to communicate our organizations' long-standing concerns about the Yucca Mountain site and the associated unprecedented, cross-country high-level nuclear waste transportation program that a Yucca Mountain repository would require. In addition to my organization, Public Citizen and U.S. Public Interest Research Group have also already expressed keen interest in such a meeting. Natural Resources Defense Council, Sierra Club, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Friends of the Earth, Alliance for Nuclear Accountability, and Women's Action for New Directions have also long worked on the Yucca Mountain issue, and are likely to send representatives to such a meeting. This is not an exhaustive list of the national organizations who would like to meet with you on this very important issue before you make any final decisions.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 202.328.0002. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kamps
Nuclear Waste Specialist

P.S. I have already faxed a similar letter to Ms. Robyne Johnston in your scheduling office as well.