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Mr. Edward F. Sproat III
Director
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20585

RE: Request for Extension in the Deadline for Submission of Comments to the Scope of the Supplemental Yucca Mountain Rail Corridor and Rail Alignment EIS and Request for Additional Scoping Meetings Relating Thereto

Dear Mr. Sproat:

I am writing on behalf of the five-county Humboldt River Basin Water Authority (HRBWA) to request that the deadline for submission of comments to the scope of the Supplemental Yucca Mountain Rail Corridor and Rail Alignment EIS be extended from November 27, 2006 until December 27, 2006. I am further requesting that DOE schedule and hold additional public scoping meetings for the EIS in the northern Nevada communities of Elko, Eureka, Battle Mountain, Winnemucca and Lovelock. While communities across the rest of the U.S. will not be affected differently, utilization of the Mina Route will require shipments of nuclear waste to be shipped through all of those northern Nevada communities listed above, a requirement not associated with use by DOE of the Caliente route already under evaluation by the Department.

Your consideration of these requests is appreciated.

Sincerely,


Bennie Hodges
Chairman

Cc: Mr. Lee Bishop, OCRWM ✓
Directors and Alternates, HRBWA
Nevada Congressional Delegation
State of Nevada, Agency for Nuclear Projects