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November 28, 2007

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW – ADDITIONAL REVIEWER COMMENTS RECEIVED

State Application Identifier: MD20071017-1051

Project Description: Draft Supplemental EIS: Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain

Project Location: States of Nevada

Clearinghouse Contact: Bob Rosenbush

Dear Mr. Sproat:

We are forwarding the enclosed comments made by Baltimore City regarding the referenced project for your information. If you need assistance or have questions concerning this review, please contact the staff person noted above. Baltimore City stated that the concerns presented in its letter dated October 30, 2001 need to be addressed before the approval of the EIS. Baltimore City requested that a presentation be made by the appropriate party who represents the U.S. Department of Energy. See the attached letter, and response form.

Should you have any questions, contact the State Clearinghouse staff person noted above at 410-767-4490 or through e-mail at brosenbush@mdp.state.md.us. Your cooperation and attention to the review process is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Linda C. Janey, J.D., Assistant Secretary
for Clearinghouse and Communications

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Enclosures
cc: Andrea Houseman - BCIT

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MARTIN O'MALLEY
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October 30, 2001

Linda C. Janey, Director
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Maryland Department of Planning
301 West Preston Street, Room 1104
Baltimore, Maryland 21201-2365

Dear Director Janey:

Consistent with the A-95 Clearinghouse Review for *Comments on Yucca Mountain Science and Engineering Report (MD20010522-0517)*, this letter serves to express Baltimore City's concerns over the shipping of nuclear fuel and high-level waste through our country's population centers. We received this information from your office late and I apologize for any delay in the response.

As you may know, the *Yucca Mountain Science and Engineering Report* is a plan for disposition of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive wastes at the proposed Yucca Mountain site in Nye County, Nevada. This site, if selected, would accept materials from defense and military research reactors, university research reactors and civilian reactors. These materials would be transported from all over the country, by truck or by rail. Some of the materials designated for disposal may be transported through Baltimore, Maryland. While legal weight trucks do not require special permitting from states or local governments, such shipments do require advance notification to affected states. Notification for rail transport is not required though preferred rail routes tend to be located in urban centers.

The recent train derailment and fire in Baltimore's Howard Street Tunnel underscores the importance of well-coordinated and informed local governments, as well as specially trained emergency personnel to respond to accidents involving hazardous materials. This notification is even more important when applied to the transport of spent nuclear fuels and high-level radioactive wastes.

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November 8, 2007

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RE: City of Baltimore Maryland State Clearinghouse Response

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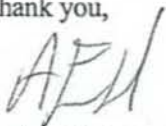
The following responses have been collected from the appropriate city agencies on application MD20071017-1051:

City Agency	Individual	Contact	Response	Requesting Follow Up ?
Planning	Duncan Stuart	417 E. Fayette St., 8th Floor	R4	Yes

Comments:

Need presentation from the appropriate parties (Mr. Edward Sproat, U.S. Dept of Energy) to the City's Mayor's Office, City Council and possibly others concerning the possible transport of radioactive waste through the City to the Yucca Mountain facility in Nevada. In a letter of October 30, 2001 then Mayor O'Malley expressed concerns of said transport-those concerns need to be addressed before the approval of the EIS.

Thank you,



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