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Mr. Edward Sproat, Director
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington DC 20585

RE: Amended Notice of Intent to Expand the Scope of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Alignment, Construction and Operation of a Rail Line to a Geologic Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, NV. (DOE/EIS-0150F-S2 and DOE/EIS-0369). 71FR198, Friday, October 13, 2006, 60484-60490.

Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, NV. (DOE/EIS-0250F-S1). 71FR198, Friday October 13, 2006, 60490-60494.

Dear Mr. Sproat:

As Mayor of The City of Sparks, Nevada, I ask that you withdraw the current notice for public meetings concerning the transportation of nuclear waste products across the State of Nevada. The current notice time of 30 days is both unrealistic and unreasonable. Our City Council needs input from our citizens and the 30 days as announced by your organization would not be in the best interest of our populace. We request the following:

- Announce scoping meetings to be held in the City of Sparks;
- Announce that all the meetings are joint scoping meetings for the two National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) activities that are announced in the subject Notices;
- Extend the announced comment periods for both notices to a period of a minimum of 90 days, with scoping meetings scheduled to be held at all the locations within the final 30 days of the comment period;
- Include in the Amended Notice of Intent map representations of the Mina Corridor and described options and its connection to existing mainline rail service in northern and western Nevada; and
- In the Notice for the Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement, include graphic representations of the conceptual design of the Transportation, Ageing and Disposal (TAD) container and the Yucca Mountain proposed repository surface facility layout.

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Sparks residents are understandably concerned about the potential for high-level nuclear waste to be transported along rail lines that run through the heart of our rapidly growing city. Based on preliminary information provided by DOE, it appears that thousands of shipments of this nuclear waste could pass through Reno and Sparks from nuclear reactors in California and Oregon, as well as from DOE's Hanford, Washington facility.

State officials also see the potential for spent fuel to pass through Sparks after leaving reactors in Arizona, Texas a number of southern states, as well as reactors located in the Midwest and on the east coast. Though the state has not yet prepared an estimate of the total number of shipments under this scenario, Nevada officials believe thousands of such shipments could potentially pass through Sparks over a period of 20 to 30 years.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mayor Geno Martini
City of Sparks

Cc:
Governor Kenny Guinn
Nevada Congressional Delegation
Sparks City Council

