

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300 Arlington, VA 22201

June 8, 2006

The Honorable Pete Domenici Chairman Committee on Energy and Natural Resources U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510-6150

Dear Senator Domenici:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, I want to thank you and the members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee for inviting the Board to testify at a hearing on the status of Yucca Mountain on May 16, 2006. As I mentioned in my testimony, an important part of the Board's mandate is providing information on the Board's technical and scientific evaluation of DOE activities to decision-makers in Congress.

Enclosed are the Board's answers to questions submitted for the record that were forwarded to the Board with your letter of May 18, 2006. The Board hopes that the technical information in the answers will be useful to the Committee.

Sincerely,

{Signed by}

B. John Garrick Chairman

Enclosure