



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable John M. Shimkus
Chairman
Subcommittee on Environment
and the Economy
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to provide you an update of activities and expenditures associated with the Yucca Mountain licensing proceeding.

During August 2014, the Department of Energy focused on the following activities:

- Payment of obligations to the pensions fund for retired Yucca Mountain workers and closeout of legacy contracts;
- Administration of the Nuclear Waste Fund, financial audits, investment guidance, and other analyses; and
- Maintenance of Yucca Mountain Project records and technical and scientific information, including preservation and security of the geologic samples.

During this period the Department spent approximately \$258,000 on the activities described above. Current unobligated balances in the Defense Nuclear Waste Disposal and Nuclear Waste Disposal accounts total approximately \$20 million. Obligated funds total approximately \$21.7 million.

Please contact me with any questions you might have about this update.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter B. Lyons", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter B. Lyons
Assistant Secretary
for Nuclear Energy



cc: The Honorable Paul Tonko
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy