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Ms. Carol Hanlon
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Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Office (M/S #025)
P. O. Box 30307
North Las Vegas, Nevada 89036-0307

Subject: Comments on the Possible Site Recommendation for
Yucca Mountain

Dear Ms. Hanlon:

Entergy Services, Inc. (Entergy) is pleased to submit comments to the Department of Energy on the Possible Site Recommendation for Yucca Mountain (66 *Fed. Reg.* 43,851 - August 21, 2001 and 66 *Fed. Reg.* 45,845 - August 30, 2001). Entergy submits these comments on behalf of the nuclear power stations owned and operated by the associated companies of Entergy Corporation. These stations include Arkansas Nuclear One Units 1 and 2, Fitzpatrick, Grand Gulf, Indian Point Units 2 and 3, Pilgrim, River Bend, and Waterford 3.

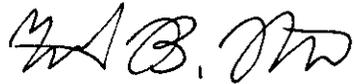
The case for the development of Yucca Mountain as a geological repository for high-level nuclear waste is compelling and based on sound science. Entergy believes that the disposal of used nuclear fuel can be accomplished at Yucca Mountain safely and in an environmentally sound manner. The Department of Energy has applied appropriate criteria in its preliminary site suitability determination. In addition, the rigorous NRC licensing process will further ensure the safe containment of spent fuel at the Yucca Mountain repository.

Clearly, the international scientific consensus supports geologic disposal of used nuclear fuel. A favorable recommendation of the Yucca Mountain site is good energy and environmental policy. The U. S. Government has a longstanding obligation to manage the nation's used nuclear fuel. Entergy urges the Department of Energy to move forward to a favorable national policy decision on the implementation of the nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain.

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Entergy also firmly endorses the detailed comments submitted by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on behalf of the nuclear energy industry.

Sincerely,

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