



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD  
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The Honorable Jeff Bingaman  
Chairman  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-6150

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
United States Senate  
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Dear Senator Bingaman and Senator Murkowski:

In accordance with the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act, the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board has performed unbiased technical peer review of U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) activities related to nuclear waste management for the last 20 years. The Board believes that it can continue to make a substantial and important contribution by performing technical analysis of waste management options that may be identified in the future.

As you know, the Board is composed of 11 technical and scientific experts who are eminent in their fields and appointed by the President from a list of nominees submitted by the National Academy of Sciences. The Board is currently gathering information that will be useful in the evaluation of waste management options. A technical staff supports the Board's work, and the Board is authorized by statute to supplement its technical expertise by engaging consultants when needed.

The Board looks forward to contributing to the analysis of waste management options and to fulfilling its mandate as technical advisor on nuclear waste issues to Congress and the Secretary of Energy.

Sincerely,

{ Signed by }

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Chairman

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