



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD
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President George W. Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

With this letter, I am tendering my resignation as a member of the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, effective January 19, 2004.

Serving on the Board for almost seven years has been my very great privilege. In January 2002, the Board prepared a major assessment of the science and engineering supporting the Department of Energy's (DOE) characterization of the Yucca Mountain site for a potential nuclear waste repository. That assessment added important technical information to the deliberations on whether the site should be approved. More recently, the Board published a detailed technical analysis of the potential for waste package corrosion under conditions associated with the DOE's current repository design. These efforts and others have served the nation well.

When an individual chooses to serve on the Board, he or she takes on important responsibilities that go beyond exercising competent technical judgment. The Board's credibility in providing on-going and independent oversight of the DOE's technical work depends on its being viewed as neutral and unbiased by all interested and affected parties. This means that certain professional activities that were once central to a member's life have to be placed on hold. I have now determined that the time has come to resume some of these activities. Thus, in good conscience, I must leave the Board.

My experience over the last seven years has been one of the most stimulating and rewarding of my professional life. My colleagues on the Board and the dedicated staff that supports the Board are among the most public-spirited and technically exacting of any group with whom I have been associated.

I am proud and grateful to have had the opportunity to serve the country in this capacity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul P. Craig". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Paul P. Craig