



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD  
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The Honorable John H. Marburger ID  
Assistant to the President of Science and Technology  
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Dear Jack:

On March 15, 2002, Dr. Bruce Alberts, President of the National Academy of Sciences, sent to you a list of nominees to the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board. As the current chairman of the Board, I am among the group of five members whose terms will expire in April 2002. When asked several months ago by the NAS all five members indicated a willingness to have our names placed in nomination for another 4-year term.

Since that time, I have been actively evaluating the many demands on my time as President of Carnegie Mellon University. As much as I value and support the work of the Board, I have reluctantly concluded that I am not in a position to accept an appointment to another 4-year term. However, since Board members remain an integral part of the Board until they are replaced, I do intend to fulfill my responsibilities as the Board's chairman until President Bush names my replacement.

Thank you for your support of the Board and your consideration of this request. I very much appreciate your involvement in the nomination of members to the NWTRB. I believe the Board has played and will continue to play a very important role in evaluating the technical and scientific validity of the activities of the Secretary of Energy related to the management of the nation's commercial spent fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jared L. Cohon". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jared L. Cohon  
Chairman