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Dear Dr. Cohon:

I am writing to confirm the invitation for you to testify before the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality on Thursday, March 21, 2002 at 10:30 a.m. in 2322 Rayburn House Office Building. The hearing will be entitled: A Review of the President's Recommendation to Develop a Nuclear Waste Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. In your testimony, please provide your views on the development of a nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain.

Following are important details concerning the preparation and presentation of your testimony.

The Form of Your Testimony. You are requested to submit a written statement which may be of any reasonable length and may contain supplemental materials; however, please be aware that the Committee cannot guarantee that supplemental material will be included in the printed hearing record. Your written statement should be typed, double spaced, and should include a one-page summary of the major points you wish to make. You will have an opportunity to present an oral summary of your testimony to the Subcommittee; to ensure sufficient time for Members to ask questions, your oral presentation should be limited to five minutes.

Pursuant to Rule 4(b)(1) of the Rules of the Energy and Commerce Committee (a copy of which is enclosed), I am requesting you to provide 75 copies of your written statement at least two working days in advance of your appearance. This will allow Members and staff the opportunity to review your testimony. On the day of the hearing, please bring an additional 75 copies of your testimony to satisfy the anticipated public interest in this hearing.

Rule 4(b)(1) of the Committee Rules also requires that, if you have the technological capability, you should also submit a copy of your testimony in electronic format, i.e., on a computer disk. The Committee will post your testimony to the Committee Website (at "<http://www.house.gov/commerce/welcome.html>") after the hearing. This will increase public access to your testimony and reduce the Committee's printing costs. Please be aware that submission of your testimony in electronic form does not relieve you of the obligation to submit the requested number of printed copies of your testimony. Additional guidelines for submission of testimony in electronic format are enclosed.

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Please send the electronic and printed copies of your testimony required two working days before the hearing to the attention of the Legislative Clerk for the Committee on Energy and Commerce in 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

The Truth-in-Testimony Requirement. Clause 2(g)(4) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, and Rule 4(b)(2) of the Committee Rules, require that witnesses appearing in a nongovernmental capacity disclose the amount and source of: (1) any federal grant, or subgrant thereof, by agency and program; and (2) any federal contract, or subcontract thereof, received by the witness, or by an entity represented by the witness, during the current fiscal year or either of the two preceding fiscal years. Enclosed is a two-sided page which is intended to assist you in complying with this requirement. This completed form, and a copy of your curriculum vitae or resume, should be included with each copy of your testimony.

Publication of the Hearing Record. Rule XI, clause 2(e)(1)(A) of the Rules of the House requires the Committee to keep a written record of committee hearings which is a substantially verbatim account of remarks made during the proceedings, subject only to technical, grammatical, and typographical corrections. Your testimony, the transcript of the hearing, and any other material that the Subcommittee agrees to include in the hearing record (subject to space limitations) will be printed as a record of the hearing. You will receive a copy of the printed hearing record when it becomes available, usually 30 to 60 days after the date of the hearing.

If you have any questions concerning any aspect of your testimony, please contact Dwight Cates of the Energy and Commerce Committee staff at (202) 226-2424.

Sincerely,



Joe Barton
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality

Enclosures: (1) Electronic Format Guidelines
(2) Rules for the Committee on Energy and Commerce
(3) Truth-in-Testimony disclosure form