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Dr. Jared L Cohon, Chairman
Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board
23000 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300
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Dear Dr. Cohon:

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources will hold a hearing on S.J. Res. 34, a joint resolution approving the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for the development of a repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel, pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to invite you to testify at the hearing. The Committee is particularly interested in the Board's views on:

- (1) whether a permanent geologic repository can be built to manage spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste without harming the public health and safety or the environment;
- (2) whether there is any reason to believe that such a repository cannot safely be located at Yucca Mountain; and
- (3) whether sufficient technical information is or will be available to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to enable it to assess the safety and environmental impact of a repository at Yucca Mountain.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. The location of the hearing will be SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Dr. Jared L. Cohon, Chairman

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Please provide the Committee with 100 copies of your testimony 24 hours in advance of the hearing by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Democratic Staff, SD-312, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. Because of security concerns, couriers may be asked to call our office when they arrive so that a staff member can meet them. Please have them call (202) 224-4103. In addition, please send an electronic copy of your testimony via email to Amanda_Goldman@energy.senate.gov. It is not necessary to convert the file to any particular format, but please refrain from sending .pdf files. The Committee intends to post your testimony on its website, <http://energy.senate.gov>, in order to make it widely available to the public.

Should you have any questions, please contact Sam Fowler (202) 224-7571 or Amanda Goldman (202) 224- 4103 of the Committee staff.

Sincerely,

**Jeff Bingaman
Chairman**

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