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Honorable Joe Barton
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Barton:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to present the views of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board at a hearing before the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality on April 18, 2002. Enclosed are responses to questions from Representatives Ed Markey and George Radanovich that were enclosed in your letter of April 22, 2002. The questions follow up on issues raised during the hearing.

As you know, the Board is charged by Congress with conducting an ongoing and independent review of the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the Secretary of Energy associated with the management of the country's commercial spent nuclear fuel and defense high-level radioactive waste. The Board provides its technical views to help inform the larger consideration of issues that face the Department of Energy and Congress related to nuclear waste disposal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Bill Barnard, Board Executive Director, if you have questions related to the Board's responses or any other issue related to the Board's technical and scientific review.

Sincerely,

{Signed by}

Jared L. Cohon
Chairman

Enclosure