



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

Dear President Bush:

With this letter, I am informing you of my resignation from the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, effective May 24, 2004.

Serving on the Board has been my great privilege since January 17, 1997, when I was appointed by President William Clinton. Over the years, the Board has done an excellent job of fulfilling its mission of providing ongoing, expert, and independent technical oversight of the U.S. Department of Energy's programs for disposing of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel. In 2002, for example, the Board prepared the only in-depth evaluation of the technical basis for the Department of Energy's site recommendation for the proposed Yucca Mountain repository. Last year, the Board published a detailed technical analysis dealing with the potential for corrosion of the waste packages during the period of high temperatures following closure of the proposed repository.

When the Board was created in 1987, Congress explicitly recognized that the Board could not carry out its mission unless the Board collectively, and its members individually, are widely viewed as objective and unbiased. Fostering such perceptions is not always easy because Board members do not serve full-time; we typically hold other positions outside the federal government.

At the time of my appointment to the Board, I served on the faculty of Iowa State University. I am now employed at a private consulting firm. My current job responsibilities no longer allow me to decline opportunities that reasonably might be perceived as creating a conflict of interest that could compromise the Board's impartiality. Thus, with much regret, I must resign from the Board.

For more than seven years, I have worked closely with dedicated colleagues as well as the Board's outstanding full-time staff. The experience has been a profoundly important part of my professional life and development. I am deeply grateful to have had the chance to serve the country as a member of the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.

Sincerely,

[Signed by }

Daniel Bullen  
Member