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CESSATION OF PERFORMANCE CONFIRMATION ACTIVITIES AT THE YUCCA MOUNTAIN SITE

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the U.S. Department of Energy has decided that certain Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management activities, including data collection and performance confirmation activities, at the Yucca Mountain site, will cease as of March 1, 2010. Specifically, the power and communications systems for all surface and subsurface work and data collection processes will be shut down.

The termination will be performed in a controlled manner and the large existing datasets collected over the course of site characterization and performance confirmation, including those for the performance confirmation activities of seismic monitoring, precipitation, and construction monitoring, will not be impacted, although further data acquisition is being stopped.

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