



## SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

WASHINGTON

MAY 8 2018

The Honorable Frank Pallone  
Ranking Member, Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Pallone:

The Air Force takes no position on the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste repository site itself. The Air Force's concern is with potential adverse impacts to military operations due to the prospective site operation, storage, and/or nuclear waste transportation routes. Previously the Department of Energy worked closely with the Air Force and addressed these concerns through the planning process. Currently there are no operational impacts associated with all signed Records of Decision, planned rail transportation routes, or approved plans for the project.

Restarting the project will require additional analysis and the potential of new proposals from the Department of Energy, elected officials, and the public. The Air Force opposes any degradation of our operational test and training capabilities at the Nevada Test and Training Range. We look forward to working with the Department of Energy to ensure that any future proposals meet this requirement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Heather Wilson", is positioned above the printed name. The signature is stylized with a large initial "H" and a long, sweeping underline.

Heather Wilson

cc:

House Armed Services Ranking Member, the Honorable Adam Smith