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RE: Nye County Population Estimates Through the Fourth Quarter, 2008

Interested Parties

I am pleased to bring you population estimates through the fourth quarter of 2008 (December 31, 2008) for Nye County and its communities prepared by the Nye County Planning Department. Please note that these estimates have been benchmarked to the year 2000 Census through our recalibrated spreadsheet, and are considered "Census Consistent."

Our estimates indicate that the population of Nye County at the end of this period was 45,181 and the population of our communities—as defined by Nye County's procedures—was as follows:

• Pahrump	37,231
• Amargosa Valley	1,374
• Beatty	1,035
• Tonopah	2,896
• Smoky Valley	1,790
• Gabbs	399
• Reese River Valley	114
• Northeast Nye	342

Note that there are now zero (0) persons permanently residing on the Nevada Test Site (NTS) and Tonopah Test Range (TTR) as was determined by the 2000 Census. Our spreadsheet uses only active residential customer data from the various electrical utilities multiplied times the average number of persons per household (per the Census) for each area, which have been scaled to the estimated number of households per residential electrical meter (example: Gabbs—for the first quarter, 2000—had 168 residential hookups times 2.37 persons per household times .958 [95.8 households per every 100 residential meters] = 381 population).

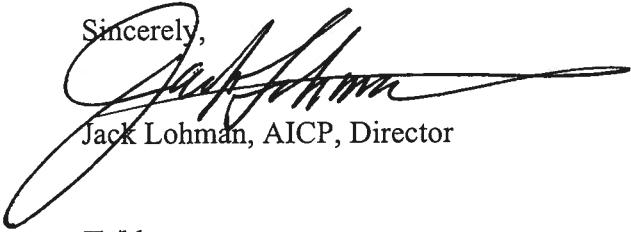
For this recalibration we have also converted the quarterly count of persons in group quarters (e.g., nursing homes and detention facilities) to a trending factor that was indicated over the previous decade. These trended counts will now be monitored on an annual basis by conducting annual telephone interviews to measure consistency.

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Nye County uses its population estimates to monitor and assess baseline conditions for the Yucca Mountain Project, to prepare baseline projections for the County and its communities, to provide a basis for comparison with the estimates of others, and for public and private agency planning and management purposes. Nye County's procedure uses formulas benchmarked to the 2000 Census of Population and Housing; and these formulas include factors that, for each Nye County community, relate utility connection counts to the number of households and persons per household.

Should you have any questions or require additional information please contact me.

Sincerely,



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Attachment as noted

