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Mr. B. John Garrick  
Chair  
Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTRB)  
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Re: Comments on NWTRB's December 30, 2005 report to Congress.

Dear Chairman Garrick,

I read your five page report to Congress. I find the lack of mention of the whistleblower issues and allegations of false science in the report noteworthy. Upon what basis can NWTRB trust anything represented to it by DOE and its contractors, if there are repeated reports of reprisal and false science?

I have brought these type of concerns to the NWTRB before, basically its answer has been "not our job." I suggest that answer just enables more reprisal, more bad science, more deficient engineering.

I suggest that NWTRB formally "connect the dots" between a workplace culture in DOE and its contractors at Yucca that: 1) requires whistleblowing, and 2) permits reprisal against concerned employees and how it impacts the mission of the NWTRB.

I have enclosed two articles I recently authored or co-authored related to engineering ethics, for your possible interest.

Respectfully,

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Attachments:

- 1) Op-ed in August/September "Engineering Times," - Engineers, Terrorism, and the Spread of Democracy
- 2) "Is Engineering Ethics 'Ethical' - Is Engineering Ethics 'at all'?" from Winter Professional Ethics Report of the AAAS.