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Atomic Safety and Licensing Board
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

**In the Matter of Private Fuel Storage L.L.C.(Private Fuel Storage Facility),
Docket No. 72-22, ASLBP No. 97-732-02-ISFSI, Discovery Status Report**

Dear Chairman Bollwerk and Judges Kline and Lam:

In accordance with the Board's June 29, 1998 Memorandum and Order (General Schedule for Proceeding and Associated Guidance), the parties hereby file this joint report on the status of informal discovery. The parties are progressing with informal document discovery; no informal interviews have yet been conducted or requested. The Applicant has made available the bulk of its documents in Salt Lake City, which lead counsel for the intervenors are in the course of reviewing, and is continuing to review its documents for completion of its document production. The Applicant has served each of the lead counsel for the intervenors with informal discovery requests for relevant documents. The State has supplied the Applicant with copies of documents in response to Applicant's request which the Applicant is reviewing. The Applicant will shortly send the State a second informal request for documents based on its initial review of the State's documents. The State has completed its initial review of the Applicant's files located in Salt Lake City. After reviewing the files, the State requested copies of selected documents and received the copies this week. After the State's experts complete their review of those documents, the State anticipates making an informal request for documents on the Applicant. OGD and Castle Rock have agreed to supply responsive documents to Applicant's request. The Applicant has agreed to make available for the NRC Staff's review at Shaw Pittman's offices in Washington D.C. a copy of the documents that it has made available to the intervenors in Salt Lake City as well as a copy of those documents made available by the intervenors in response to Applicant's informal discovery requests which the Applicant has selected to have copied and sent to its counsel's office in Washington D.C.

Further, the Applicant and the State have entered into a confidentiality agreement which allows the State access to Private Fuel Storage ("PFS") confidential information subject to the terms of the agreement. The State has received a copy of the Applicant's Response to the Staff's

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Request for Additional Information ("RAI"), which the Applicant claims to be proprietary. However, the State has not received access to any other propriety information. The Applicant has proposed to enter into a similar agreement with Confederated Tribes which would allow the State to share PFS confidential information with Confederated Tribes concerning those contentions on which the Confederated Tribes is involved, subject to the terms of the proposed agreement. Additionally, the Applicant has proposed to enter a confidentiality agreement with Castle Rock which would allow for mutual access to each party's confidential information.

Respectfully,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the joint report on the status of informal discovery dated August 14, 1998, were served on the persons listed below (unless otherwise noted) by e-mail with conforming copies by U.S. mail, first class, postage prepaid, this 14th day of August 1998.

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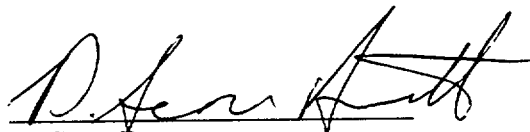
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