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BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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In the Matter of:)	Docket No. 72-22-ISFSI
PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE, LLC)	ASLBP No. 97-732-02-ISFSI
(Independent Spent Fuel)	
Storage Installation))	August 24, 2000

**STATE OF UTAH'S NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF
CONTENTION UTAH U (IMPACTS OF ON-SITE STORAGE)**

The State of Utah hereby notifies the Licensing Board and parties that it is withdrawing Utah Contention U (Impacts of On-site Storage), the NEPA¹ companion to Contention Utah H (Inadequate Thermal Design). Utah H charged that the Applicant, Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C. ("PFS"), had failed to provide an adequate thermal design for the PFS facility. State of Utah's Contentions on the Construction and Operating License Application by [PFS] for an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (Nov. 24, 1997) (hereinafter, "State's Contentions") at 47-53. Likewise, Contention U, basis one, stated that the Applicant had given "inadequate consideration to the potential adverse impacts of onsite spent fuel storage" in that "[t]he ER fails to consider the impacts of overheating of casks due to the facility's inadequate thermal design. See Contention H (Inadequate Thermal Design), whose basis is adopted and incorporated herein by reference." State's Contentions at 127. Contentions Utah H and Utah U, basis one, were admitted by the Board in its April 22, 1998 decision, Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C. (Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation), LBP-

¹ National Environmental Policy Act, 42 USC §§ 4321 to 4370e.

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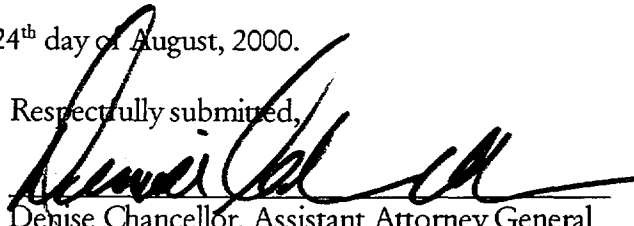
98-7, 47 N.R.C. 142, 188-189, and 199 (1998).

On June 15, 2000, the State withdrew Contention Utah H after the NRC Staff performed an independent thermal analysis of the proposed PFS facility which results allayed the State's concerns. See State of Utah's Notice of Withdrawal of Contention Utah H (June 15, 2000).

Accordingly, the State sees no reason to go forward with Contention Utah U and requests leave of the Board to withdraw this contention.

DATED this 24th day of August, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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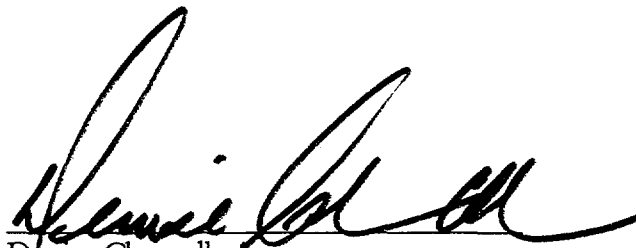
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