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TO: Mr. David Meyer, NRC 301-415-5144

SUBJECT: AF Comments on DEIS for Private Fuel Storage

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Here are AIR FORCE Comments on DEIS for Proposed
PFS facility at Goshute Indian Reservation, Utah
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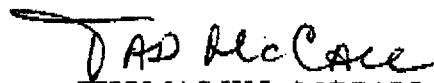
Dear Mr. Myer

There is an increasing public controversy over whether the proposed storage facility would affect Air Force training and testing operations in the nearby airspace. The Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR) is an irreplaceable part of the nation's defense infrastructure. The Air Force opposes any encroachment that would result in overflight restrictions impairing the testing and training conducted there.

Importantly, both NRC staff and representatives of Private Fuel Storage have assured the Air Force in private meetings that no overflight restrictions or other changes in the way the Air Force conducts its operations would be needed to accommodate the proposed facility. Those assurances are based on mathematical calculations of the unlikelihood of an accident involving the Air Force and the proposed facility. The Air Force is proud of its safety record and agrees that an accident is highly unlikely. We ask that the Final EIS publicly state that there is no foreseeable reason why the facility owners or the NRC should ever require or seek any changes in the operation of UTTR.

The Air Force looks forward to obtaining copies of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and the Final Safety Evaluation Report when they are available. Should you have any questions, contact Mr. Rick Lemaire at (703)693-7706 or email: richard.lemaire@pentagon.af.mil.

Sincerely


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