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RE: Docket No. 72-22
Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C.

Dear Mr. Meyer:

I am writing to formally request a 90-day extension of the public review period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that has been published for the proposed construction and operation of an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation on the Reservation of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians and the related transportation facility in Tooele County, Utah.

I also formally request that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission conduct at least three public hearings during this extended 90-day public review period in Missouri on the Draft EIS. Such public hearings should be conducted in the following Missouri cities: St. Louis, Kansas City and Jefferson City. Populations within each of these three Missouri cities could be directly affected by the proposed rail transport of spent nuclear fuel from the locations of the nuclear power plants owned and operated by the member utility companies that make up Private Fuel Storage L.L.C.

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The potential effects of the proposed action in this Draft EIS are of national concern due to proposed rail transport of spent nuclear fuel. Populations residing and working in communities located along ultimately-selected rail routes will be directly affected by the contemplated spent nuclear fuel shipments. Missouri citizens residing in communities located along this state's primary cross-state rail line should have the opportunity and benefit of learning first hand about this NRC proposal and be provided the opportunity to speak to this issue at public hearings.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Stephen Mahfood
Director

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