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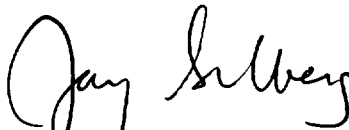
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**Re: In the Matter of Private Fuel Storage L.L.C. (Independent
Spent Fuel Storage Installation) Docket No. 72-22-ISFSI**

Gentlemen:

Because geotechnical investigations of the Private Fuel Storage Facility site are the general subject of Contention Utah L, I am forwarding to you the attached letter dated December 11, 2000 from PFS to the NRC Staff concerning the geotechnical assessment of the site. Copies of the attached letter have already been provided to the parties.

Very truly yours,



Jay E. Silberg
Counsel for Private Fuel Storage L.L.C.

Enclosure

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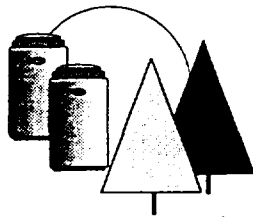
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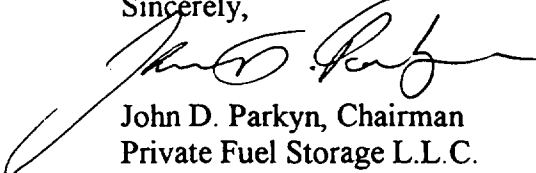
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GEOTECHNICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF PFSF SITE
DOCKET NO. 72-22/TAC NO. L22462
PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE FACILITY
PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE L.L.C.

Recent evaluations of test data previously collected for the Private Fuel Storage Facility (PFSF) site suggest that some of the data may not have been fully integrated into the geotechnical assessment of the site. We are currently assessing the implications that this might have with respect to design basis ground motion, soil/structure interactions, stability analyses, and other related issues. PFS anticipates completing this assessment by December 22, 2000. If we determine from this assessment that there is an impact on our licensing basis, we will provide at that time a timetable of the actions necessary to update our License Application. We do not believe that this assessment has any implications with respect to our analysis of the seismicity of the site or the choice of the appropriate return period used to select the seismic design response spectra.

If you have any questions please contact me at 608-787-1236 or Mr. J. L. Donnell, Project Director, at 303-741-7009.

Sincerely,



John D. Parkyn, Chairman
Private Fuel Storage L.L.C.