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In the Matter of
PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE L.L.C.
(Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation)
Docket No. 72-22-ISFSI

Dear Administrative Judges:

By letters dated December 6 and 18, 2001, the NRC Staff ("Staff") informed the Licensing Board and parties that it was preparing a redacted version of the Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS") related to the proposed Private Fuel Storage Facility, from which certain sensitive information would be deleted in light of the terrorist attacks of September 11. The Staff indicated that it expected to transmit the redacted version of the FEIS to the Board and parties on or before December 31, 2001.

This is to advise you that the Staff is providing to the Licensing Board and parties, by separate electronic mail transmissions today, a copy of the redacted FEIS (which is complete except for Appendix B ("Consultation Letters") which is too large to transmit electronically). The entire redacted version of the FEIS (including Appendix B) is available on the internet at <http://www.hsrdo.nrc.gov/nrc/special/enviro/skullvalley.htm>. The Staff will distribute a paper copy of this document to the Licensing Board and parties by internal NRC mail or overnight express mail, shortly. In addition, the redacted version of the FEIS will be provided to the Environmental Protection Agency and will be made available to the public, on or about January 11, 2002.

Finally, the Staff wishes to advise you that it has been discussing with other parties to the proceeding the procedures under which an unredacted version of the FEIS would be provided to them. The Staff currently plans to provide an unredacted version of the FEIS to lead parties on any unresolved environmental contention(s), upon the party's execution of a non-disclosure agreement, the terms of which are currently under discussion.

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The Staff will provide further information to the Licensing Board concerning this matter in the near future.

Sincerely,

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