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The Honorable Merrill Cook  
United States House of  
Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Congressman Cook:

I am responding to your letter dated January 20, 1998, addressed to Chairman Shirley Ann Jackson. Your letter urged support by Chairman Jackson of the petitions of several parties that have sought to intervene in the Private Fuel Storage proceeding which is currently before an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). Under NRC regulations, the Commission has an appellate role in adjudications before its Licensing Boards. As such, I trust that you will understand that Commissioners must remain impartial in such litigations.

Thank you for your concerns. A copy of your letter and this response will be placed in the Private Fuel Storage hearing docket and served on the parties to the proceeding

Sincerely,

  
Annette L. Vietti-Cook  
Acting Secretary

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of

PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE, LLC

(Independent Spent Fuel Storage  
Installation)

Docket No.(s) 72-22-ISFSI

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing VIETTI-COOK LETTER TO COOK have been served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, first class, except as otherwise noted and in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Sec. 2.712.

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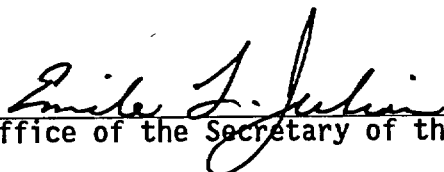
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