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Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 19, 1997, MEETING BETWEEN  
THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION STAFF AND  
PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE, LLC

Staff from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission met with representatives of Private Fuel Storage (PFS), a limited liability company, on March 19, 1997, at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. The purpose of this pre-application meeting was to discuss environmental issues associated with PFS's proposed application to construct and operate an away-from-reactor Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) on the Skull Valley Goshute Indian Reservation in Skull Valley, Utah. Tribal leaders from the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians also participated in the meeting. Others attending the meeting included representatives of the State of Utah; the National Congress of American Indians; the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; American Electric Power; Stone and Webster; Booz Allen & Hamilton; Washington Nuclear Corporation; Nuclear Information and Resource Service; Nuclear Fuel; Hogan and Hartson; McClure, Gerard & Neuwshwander; and a member of the public. A copy of the attendance list is attached. This meeting was noticed on March 4, 1997.

The Chairman of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians expressed the Tribe's support for the ISFSI project. The representatives of PFS described the site as occupying 98 acres with an owner-controlled area of 120 acres. Capacity was described as 40 thousand metric tons. The facility would be open to all nuclear utilities. Vertical dry storage in concrete casks is the proposed method of storage. It was noted the Sierra Nuclear Corporation's TranStor and Holtec International's HISTAR/HISTORM cask systems are being considered for use at the facility. The PFS representatives noted that PFS would own both the transportation and storage casks. PFS believes this will provide it with better control over quality assurance. A combination of rail and heavy-haul (truck) transport which would not require opening of the transportation cask is being considered for transporting the spent fuel to the facility.

Plans for the environmental report that would accompany the application were discussed. The PFS representatives described the low-population density of the area closest to the site and PFS's plans for environmental monitoring. The NRC staff noted that PFS needed to consider an appropriately broad

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geographic area to ensure that its projections of environmental impacts would be accurate. The staff raised two other concerns. The first was with PFS's plans for transferring the casks at the rail head from rail to truck. Appropriate radiological safety measures must be demonstrated. The second concern was with PFS's plans for dealing with accidents or damaged casks on-site. The staff indicated that PFS's plan to place a damaged cask into a transportation cask could only be considered a temporary solution. It will be necessary for PFS to resolve each of the issues raised by the staff and document issue resolution in the license application.

Please let me know if you wish to discuss the contents of this meeting summary.

Attachment: Attendance List

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