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Please see the attached comment letter from the Council of State Governments' Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft report.

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Dear Mr. Jacobs:

On behalf of the Council of State Governments' Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee, we are writing in connection with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) draft report "Identification and Prioritization of the Technical Information Needs Affecting Potential Regulation of Extended Storage and Transportation of Spent Nuclear Fuel," issued for public comment in May 2012. The committee includes members from the 12 Midwestern states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. We appreciate the NRC's efforts to engage the states in its ongoing actions related to the extended storage of spent nuclear fuel at reactor sites.

We are writing not to submit comments on the NRC's technical data needs but rather to relay our own need for information. After reviewing the draft report, it is apparent that the states would benefit from a walk-through of how cask system degradation may translate into the need for action by states and other entities. That is, what would be the effects of the cask degradation processes with the most significant potential impacts, what impact could those effects have on the public and/or the environment, and what steps would the reactor operators, local governments, states, and the federal government need to take to respond to or counteract those impacts? We would be happy to facilitate one or more webinars or conference calls to bring the states and the NRC together to address this important topic.

Please contact Lisa Janairo at 920.458.5910 or ljanairo@csg.org if you have any questions about our request or if you would like her to begin making arrangements for a webinar or conference call.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on behalf of the Midwestern states.

Sincerely,

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