

No. 05-1419

Consolidated with 05-1420, 06-1087

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR  
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

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OHNGO GAUDADEH DEVIA,  
Petitioner,

v.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION and  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Respondents,

PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE, L.L.C. and  
SKULL VALLEY BAND OF GOSHUTE INDIANS,  
Intervenors.

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On Petitions for Review of Orders and a License of the  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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24th REPORT ON STATUS OF REMANDED ACTIONS TO  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FOR APPROVAL  
OF LEASE AND RIGHT-OF-WAY APPLICATION

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## BACKGROUND

This Court's Order of June 26, 2007 required the parties, including the Intervenor Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians ("the Band") and Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C. ("PFS"), to file a report within 120 days from the date of the Order, and every 120 days thereafter, on the status of any action challenging the Department of Interior's ("the Department") denial of either the lease between the Band and PFS or the requested right-of-way across public land regarding the facility at issue in this case. The Court's June 26, 2007 Order also required the parties, including the Intervenor, to file motions to govern future proceedings in this case within 30 days of the disposition of any action challenging either the denial of lease or the denial of a right-of-way.

The first status report, filed on October 24, 2007, reported that the Band and PFS filed suit in July 2007, in the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah against officials of the Department, challenging the two adverse Department decisions. Skull Valley Band, et al. v. Cason, et al., No. 2:07-cv-526 TC.

On July 26, 2010, the Utah District Court vacated both denials and remanded the right-of-way application and the lease to the Department for

further consideration consistent with the court's decision. Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians v. Davis, 728 F. Supp. 2d 1287 (D. Utah 2010).

On November 15, 2010, this Court in response to the parties' joint motion entered an Order holding this case in abeyance pending further order of the Court and directing the parties, including the Intervenor, to file status reports on December 23, 2010, and every 120 days thereafter, on the remanded right-of-way application and lease approval.

Pursuant to this Court's Order of November 15, 2010, Intervenor now file the following twenty-fourth status report on behalf of the parties.<sup>1</sup> The State of Utah, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the United States of America join in this report.

### **TWENTY-FOURTH STATUS REPORT**

Since the 23rd Status Report of April 3, 2015, no further official action has occurred on the remanded right of way application or lease approval. PFS and the Band are continuing negotiations concerning continuation of the project.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> Lee Bergen, counsel for the Band, has authorized PFS counsel to file this report on the Band's behalf.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that true copies of the foregoing "24th Report on Status of Remanded Action to Department of Interior for Approval of Lease and Right-of-Way Application" were served upon the following by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, on the 3rd day of August, 2015.

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