

December 28, 1998

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

In the Matter of	)	
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PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE L.L.C.	)	Docket No. 72-22
	)	
(Private Fuel Storage Facility)	)	ASLBP No. 97-732-02-ISFSI

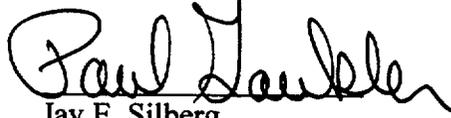
**APPLICANT'S REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO FILE  
A REPLY TO STATE OF UTAH'S RESPONSE  
TO NRC STAFF'S "LEAD AGENCY" FILING**

In accordance with the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's ("Board") Memorandum and Order of February 2, 1998 (Memorializing Initial Prehearing Conference Directives), the Applicant requests leave to file a short reply (five pages or less) to the "State of Utah's Response to NRC Staff's 'Lead Agency' Filing." Applicant believes that the State in its pleading has raised new issues concerning Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance's ("SUWA") "Request for Hearing and Petition to Intervene" not previously addressed by the parties and therefore requests leave to file a reply.

Counsel for Applicant has contacted counsel for the State, SUWA and the NRC Staff and none of these parties objects to the Applicant's request for leave to file a reply. Counsel for Applicant has not attempted to contact the other parties since they have not filed any pleadings with respect to SUWA's petition to intervene.

Accordingly, the Applicant requests the Board that it be allowed to file a short reply (five pages or less) to the State's response to the NRC staff's "Lead Agency" filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the "Applicant's Request for Leave to File a Reply to State of Utah's Response to NRC Staff's' Lead Agency Filing" were served on the persons listed below (unless otherwise noted) by e-mail with conforming copies by U.S. mail, first class, postage prepaid, this 28th day of December 1998.

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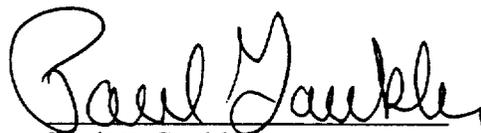
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