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Chairman Meserve

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Extension Request and Request for Public Hearings
for Consideration of the DEIS for the Proposed
Private Fuel Storage LLC Independent Spent Fuel
Installation in Skull Valley, UT

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Mr. Richard Meserve
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Chairman Meserve:

I am writing to request an extension of time, as well as additional public hearings, for consideration of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Private Fuel Storage LLC (PFS) Independent Spent Fuel Installation (ISFSI) in Skull Valley, Utah.

The original 90-day comment period will expire on September 31, 2000. Given the concern surrounding such a high level nuclear waste storage facility, the largest temporary facility of its kind, I believe an additional 120-day comment period to examine this DEIS is warranted. I also believe additional public hearings are necessary to provide sufficient opportunity for Utahns to speak on this matter.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Orrin G. Hatch
United States Senator

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