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REGARDING THE PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT

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I note that one comment in your e-mail is more detailed with regard to concerns about active geologic faults near the proposed PFSF. The question of faults and seismic hazards in the vicinity of the proposed PFSF were addressed in-depth in Chapter 2 of the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation Report (SER) which is referenced in the Draft EIS and will be referenced in the Final EIS. The SER documents the NRC staff's evaluation of the application from Private Fuel Storage, Limited Liability Company (PFS) for a license to construct and operate the proposed PFSF on the Reservation of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians. The NRC staff determined that PFS has demonstrated that it complies with all applicable regulatory requirements of 10 CFR Part 72 for the storage of spent fuel at an independent spent fuel storage installation. I am enclosing a copy of the SER with this letter.

I trust that this responds to your concerns.

Sincerely,
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