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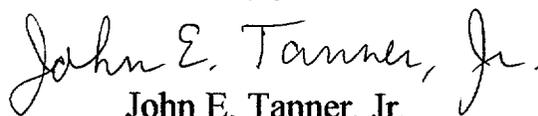
Dear Mr. Flanders:

The experience of Idaho is relevant to the proposal of Private Fuel Storage to construct a rail spur to the Goshute Indian Reservation in Skull Valley, Utah for the purpose of transporting spent commercial fuel to the reservation for interim storage there.

Since the late 1950's Idaho has received spent government nuclear fuel by rail and truck from various parts of the nation and abroad. There have been no unfavorable environmental effects from this transportation or the subsequent storage in Idaho. Allegations of some Idaho citizens to the contrary are without foundation. Some radioactive contamination of the aquifer exists under some of the buildings, and for a few miles downflow. However this resulted from reprocessing operations, not from the storage.

It should also be pointed out that spent commercial nuclear fuel has been moved about the country for many years among utility storage pools and to pools at two abandoned commercial reprocessing plants, again without adverse environmental consequences.

Sincerely yours,



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