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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Meserve
Commissioner Dicus
Commissioner Diaz
Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrified

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FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary 

SUBJECT: POSTCARD CAMPAIGN AGAINST LICENSING
PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE

This is to update you that we have recently received 2496 postcards urging the Commission to deny a license to Private Fuel Storage for the construction of a waste storage facility on the Reservation of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians within the borders of Utah. The cards are from citizens of a number of states. The majority are from Western states and the Midwest. We have, however, received one card from Georgia and another from Germany. The cards were not mailed individually. They were sent in three packages by Honor the Earth.

I have attached a copy of the card (attachment 1). The language is standard on all. There are a few with additional handwritten comments. It is our intent to acknowledge receipt of each card with the attached letter (attachment 2). I have already acknowledged 178 postcards and a letter with similar language.

Attachments:

1. Postcard Against Licensing
Private Fuel Storage
2. Acknowledgment letter

cc: EDO
OPA
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**Richard A. Meserve, Chairman
Edward McGaffigan, Jr., Greta J. Dikus, Nils J. Diaz, Jeffrey S. Merrifield; Commissioners
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop O-16 C1, One White Flint North
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Dear Commissioners,

I strongly urge you to deny Private Fuel Storage a license to construct a nuclear waste dump on the Skull Valley Goshute Reservation in Utah. The fact that 8 utilities can literally buy their way into building a private dump without any liability for accidents is a moral and scientific outrage. The nuclear industry is trying to find a political solution to a deadly environmental problem by targeting Native lands. Plus, the dump endangers all Americans by initiating the mass transportation of nuclear waste across the country to Utah. A license for the project would be a frightening injustice.

Sincerely,

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____



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Attachment 2

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EXAMPLE

Addressee

Dear _____:

Thank you for your concern expressed about Private Fuel Storage, LLC sent to Chairman Meserve and Commissioners Dicus, Diaz, McGaffigan and Merrifield. The Commission has been advised of your correspondence. As an independent regulator, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission decision on the application to store spent nuclear fuel in a facility on the reservation of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians will be guided solely by the governing standards for protection of public health, safety and the environment. We strive to carry out our review and decision-making process through a deliberate, public process including numerous public meetings and other opportunities to participate in a meaningful way. Your comments are important to us and we thank you for providing your comments.

Sincerely,

Annette L. Vietti-Cook

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
)
PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE, L.L.C.) Docket No. 72-22-ISFSI
)
(Independent Spent Fuel Storage)
Installation))

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing SECY MEMORANDUM TO COMMISSION RE POSTCARD CAMPAIGN AGAINST LICENSING PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE have been served upon the following persons by deposit in the U.S. mail, first class, or through NRC internal distribution.

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