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

Dear Ms. Nakahara:

In response to your E-mail message and letter of earlier today, please be advised as follows.

1. Neither I nor the NRC Staff ("Staff") has attempted to "restrict or limit" the ability of the State of Utah ("State") to depose Staff witnesses. While I regret that we were not able to identify our prospective witnesses on Contention Utah L, Part B, sooner, we did identify the witnesses as soon as we could.

2. We are agreeable to commencing the depositions of Staff witnesses on Monday, November 19, at 11:30 AM EST (although 11:00 AM appears to be preferable). We probably will need to break for lunch after a few hours, but we will work with you to assure that any breaks are reasonable, so as to allow the depositions to be completed by the end of Tuesday, November 20. We are also willing to stay until 7:00 PM on Monday, if necessary, unless the witnesses or reporter find that they are too tired to continue so late. However, I believe the deposition can be completed on Tuesday, November 20, and therefore cannot agree in advance to extend the deposition beyond that date -- particularly in consideration of the coming Thanksgiving holiday. I suggest we revisit this issue later, if you have not completed the deposition at the end of the Tuesday session.

3. We have arranged for a large conference room to be available at NRC headquarters for the deposition on Monday and Tuesday. Please have the reporter contact me for further information, and let me know if you need driving directions or the names of nearby hotels.

4. The Staff has heretofore identified two persons whom it expects to call as witnesses: Dr. John Stamatakis and Dr. Rui Chen. Copies of their qualifications are enclosed herewith. As I stated previously, we may name Dr. Martin McCann as our third witness; however, Dr. McCann has been away from his office this week, and I have to wait until Tuesday, November 13, to confirm whether he will be a witness. If he does appear as a witness, I will obtain and provide you with a copy of his qualifications, on November 13, 2001.

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5. Drs. Stamatakos, Chen and McCann were among the authors of the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA) September 1999 report concerning the Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C. ("PFS") seismic exemption request, which the Staff produced to the State last year. Their testimony will address the bases for the Staff's determination to accept the PFS probabilistic seismic hazard analysis with a 2,000 year return period, which is discussed in the Staff's Safety Evaluation Report ("SER") of September 2000.

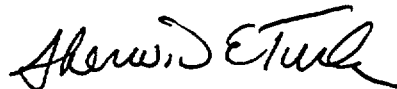
6. In response to your inquiry, you may recall that I previously stated that Dr. Chen was involved in the Staff's review of the seismic exemption request for the Three Mile Island Unit 2 ("TMI-2") ISFSI at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory ("INEEL"). The Staff has produced to the State a copy of the CNWRA report, which Dr. Chen co-authored, concerning that matter.

7. In response to your further inquiry, I have been advised that none of these three individuals was involved in developing the rulemaking plan in SECY-98-126 or the modified rulemaking plan in SECY-01-0178. I do not understand your additional inquiry as to whether they were involved in the "development or justification [of] guidance related to SECY-01-0178 or SECY-98-126," "any generic issues relating to NRC allowing ISFSI applicants to use a probabilistic seismic hazard analysis," or "the issue relating to allowing ISFSI applicants to use a probabilistic seismic hazard analysis." However, they were not part of the rulemaking effort.

8. Finally, in response to your inquiry, I cannot state whether I will claim any privileges during the deposition, since that will depend on the questions. However, I have stated my position that the Staff's internal discussions in the course of developing the generic rulemaking plan (as distinct from the final SECY papers, which we produced) constitute privileged, pre-decisional information; and that the disclosure of such pre-decisional information is not necessary for a proper decision in this proceeding.

I appreciate your willingness to work cooperatively in this matter, and look forward to working with you to resolve any outstanding issues.

Sincerely,



Sherwin E. Turk
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Enclosures: As stated
cc w/Encl.: Service List

Rui Chen

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Primary Technical Areas:

- * Computational, experimental, and theoretical rock mechanics and geological engineering
- * Earthquake engineering and seismology, seismic hazard assessment, structural geology, and neotectonics
- * Computer applications and programming

Summary of Qualifications:

- * Fifteen years of post-graduate research experience
 - * Seven years of consulting/industrial experience
 - * Numerical modeling of rock deformation and fracturing
 - * Laboratory experience in rock testing and data acquisition
 - * Consulting experience in rock mechanics and geological engineering
 - * Application of U.S. regulations in radioactive waste management and disposal and associated compliance review
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EDUCATION

- 1/89 - 2/93 Ph.D., Civil and Geological Engineering, The University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada
Thesis: *In Situ and Laboratory Studies of Potash Deformation - with Reference to Saskatchewan Potash*
- 9/82 - 7/85 M.Sc., Seismotectonics, Graduate School, the University of Science and Technology of China and
Institute of Geology, State Seismological Bureau of China, Beijing, China
Thesis: *Earthquake Mechanisms and Repeated Activities of the Western Branch of Xiaojiang Fault Zone, Southeastern Edge of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau*
- 9/78 - 7/82 B.Sc., Seismology and Geomechanics, The Geological University of China at Wuhan, China
Thesis: *Earthquake Seismicity in Jiangchuang Basin*

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 09/00 - present Independent consultant in geological engineering and geosciences
- 08/01- present Lecturer, Development of Civil Engineering and College of Natural Sciences, California State University, Chico
- 09/98 - 08/00 Senior Research Engineer, Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses, Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio, Texas, USA.

- 04/95 - 09/98 Research Engineer, Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses, Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio, Texas, USA.
- 07/93 - 04/95 Staff Engineer, RE/SPEC Inc., Rapid City, South Dakota, USA.
- 11/92 - 06/93 Consultant, RE/SPEC Inc., Rapid City, South Dakota, USA.
- 11/88 - 06/93 Graduate Assistant, Department of Geological Engineering, The University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
- 09/85 - 10/88 Research Associate, Institute of Crustal Dynamics, State Seismological Bureau of China.
- 09/83 - 08/85 Research Assistant, Institute of Geology, State Seismological Bureau of China.

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Finite element, finite difference, and boundary element modeling and programming. Familiar with a number of commercial numerical modeling software packages, including ABAQUS, FLAC, UDEC, 3DEC, ANSYS, MAP3D and special purpose software, including SPECTROM32 and SIMEX.
- Programming for data acquisition and servo-controlling in laboratory rock testing.
- Object-oriented programming for Web and Windows-based applications using html, JAVA, and VISUAL BASIC.
- Familiar with statistical software, BMDP, and programming of non-linear regression analyses of partial differential equations for evaluating model parameters and sensitivity studies for complex constitutive models for geological materials.
- Proficiency in other software tools, including GIS software (e.g., EarthVision).

SELECTED GRADUATE COURSES

Computational Mechanics Topics, Engineering Geology, Rock Engineering and Ground Support, Finite Element Methods, Solid Mechanics, Fracture Mechanics, Advanced Rock Mechanics and Rock Fracture Mechanics, Structural Geology, Seismology, Earthquake Engineering, Tectonophysics, Seismotectonics, Geomechanics, Theoretical Geophysics, Applied Geophysics, and Quaternary Geology and Geomorphology.

MEMBERSHIPS

International Society for Rock Mechanics
American Geophysical Union
Seismological Society of America
International Association for Computer Methods and Advances in Geomechanics

EXPERIENCE

Dr. Chen's experience includes academic-based research and industry-related consulting. Her areas of expertise include experimental, theoretical, and computational rock mechanics; seismology and earthquake engineering; neotectonics; structural geology; and software development.

Dr. Chen's professional activities began in 1983 when she headed the Institute of Geology at the State Seismological Bureau (SSB) of China, in Beijing, as a research assistant. There she was involved in research projects in seismicity and earthquake mechanisms along active fault zones and in active basins in Southwestern and Northwestern China. An early project included seismicity analyses in the Jiangchuang Basin on the Honghe River Fault Zone in Southwestern China. Other projects included mapping geological and geomorphic features along the 1920 Haiyuan Earthquake ($M=8.5$) Fault Zone and neotectonic and geomorphic mapping, paleoseismic trenching, and seismicity analyses along the Xiaojiang Active Fault Zone. The latter study resulted in the first qualitative evaluation of the slip rate and earthquake recurrence intervals along the fault zone. These results are included in the national database for large-scale active fault zones in China.

Dr. Chen's experience in interdisciplinary research started in 1985 when she joined the Rock Mechanics Division at the Institute of Crustal Dynamics, SSB of China, Beijing, as a research associate. There, she extended her professional activities to include computational and experimental rock mechanics. She managed a project on double-shear rock friction tests for investigating the stability of fractured rock mass. Results from this study were applied to evaluate the stability of concealed fault zones and salt solution-mining induced seismicity in Zigong Anticline, Sichuan Province of China. This work included constructing a structural model for the Zigong Anticline based on geophysical survey data and back analysis of the tectonic stress field using non-linear, viscoplastic finite element methods.

From 10/88 to 06/93, Dr. Chen worked on industrial research projects in the Department of Civil and Geological Engineering at the University of Manitoba as a graduate assistant. There, she led research in two areas of rock mechanics and mining: the yield behavior of deep potash pillars and rock bimodularity. She investigated mining-induced deformation and fracturing in potash mines under contract with the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan, with matching funding from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada. The accomplishments in this research included underground mapping of deformational patterns in exposed cross sections of yield pillars after substantial deformation, and correlation of the observed deformation to time-dependent finite strain and shear failure in the pillars using modern techniques in quantitative structural geology. The research led to better understanding of the stress-control design methodology in underground soft rock mining. It also led to several external reports, papers, and presentations to government, commercial, and scientific organizations. She also performed experimental and constitutive research on potash relaxation behavior and on the differences in elastic moduli for rocks in tension and compression, adapted the results on material bimodularity to a special-purpose finite element computer program to study the influence of bimodularity on the behavior of underground structures, and developed computer codes for test control and data acquisition for a sophisticated servo-controlled material testing system. While pursuing her Ph.D. education in the University of Manitoba, she provided technical consulting services to RE/SPEC Inc. on a legal case regarding water inflow into potash mines in Esterhazy, Canada. These services included evaluation of the microseismic monitoring system at the mines, seismic data analyses, and evaluation of the effects of seismicity on mine stability.

During her employment with RE/SPEC Inc. (7/93 - 4/95), Dr. Chen served as Technical Lead on industry and government contracts and performed numerous numerical (finite element and finite difference) simulations in support of experiments at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in New Mexico for long-term containment of radioactive wastes. The areas supported include engineering design alternative analyses, and the sealing and backfill programs (crushed salt consolidation and concrete bulkhead experiments). The analyses performed used predictive technology developed for the WIPP to simulate the thermal-mechanical behavior of salt to determine the response of repository seals and closure times for rooms and shafts. She was also involved in the evaluation of consolidation constitutive models for crushed salt in support of the sealing program at the WIPP, including a state-of-the-art literature survey to select candidate models, using BMDP (a statistical software package) and self-developed computer codes to evaluate parameters and their correlations, and constitutive model development. She has also performed numerous two and three dimensional finite element and boundary element modeling studies on underground mining and storage caverns to determine safe operating conditions and to evaluate structural integrity. This work was performed for commercial clients including DynMcDermott Petroleum Operations Company, the Dow Chemical Company, the Warren Petroleum Company, Texas Eastern Products Pipeline Company, and AKZO Mining Company, etc. Another of her interest areas is object-oriented software development for Windows-based applications. She developed a graphical user interface (Visual SalGas) for Solution Mining Research Institute's commercial software known as SALGAS (a numerical leaching model with cavity hydraulics and gaseous pad calculations for design of salt rock solution caverns). A demo-version of Visual SalGas was distributed to SMRI memberships world wide and the full-version has been purchased by companies in the United States, Canada, and Europe.

At the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA) at Southwest Research Institute (SwRI), Dr. Chen performed technical activities related to geological engineering to assist the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in licensing the nation's first geological repository for high-level radioactive waste, which is proposed to be developed at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. She was involved in CNWRA analyses of mechanical, thermal, and hydrological processes in complex geomechanical and geotechnical engineering systems. She was involved in review of technical reports produced by the U.S. Department of Energy in supporting its license application for the proposed Yucca Mountain repository in areas such as site geology and seismology, repository design and construction (including seismic design of surface and subsurface facilities), and stability analyses of emplacement drifts and ground support under thermal and dynamic loads for preclosure safety and postclosure performance assessments. She performed independent confirmatory analyses and research to support such reviews. Her role at the CNWRA also includes a Project Manager for geomechanical analyses and their application in gas, oil, and underground storage industries for commercial clients. She was also a Principal Investigator in providing technical support, including evaluation of seismic hazard analyses and seismic design, for the NRC licensing activities related to the nation's spent nuclear fuel dry-storage facilities, including TMI-2 ISFSI and the proposed Private Fuel Storage Facility. These evaluations included review and independent analyses and provided input to the NRC safety evaluation reports, environmental impact statements, and other National Environmental Policy Act documentation required under Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations. She also conducted geotechnical review and independent analyses to support NRC regulation of the uranium mining industry, including slope stability, foundation stability, and liquefaction analyses.

Since relocating to California and becoming an independent consultant, she has provided technical assistance and consulting services to CNWRA at SwRI in solving a broad range of problems in underground rock engineering, seismic hazard assessment, and earthquake engineering. She is also teaching graduate and undergraduate courses at California State University, Chico.

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