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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 Administrative Judges:

Pursuant to the Licensing Board's "Memorandum and Order (General Schedule for Proceeding and Associated Guidance)," dated June 29, 1998, this is to advise you that the NRC staff (Staff) currently anticipates issuance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) related to the proposed Private Fuel Storage facility and the Safety Evaluation Report (SER) Supplement on geotechnical issues on December 21, 2001. In light of recent security concerns, the Staff has identified some information in the FEIS and SER Supplement that may need to be redacted. The Staff will be contacting the parties to discuss the terms of a non-disclosure agreement and protective order under which the unredacted versions of the FEIS and SER Supplement would be provided to them. In the event that issuance of the FEIS or the SER Supplement is delayed, the Staff will promptly provide notice thereof to the Licensing Board and the parties.

Sincerely,

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