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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:

This to advise you that the NRC Staff's (Staff) schedule for issuing the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) related to the proposed Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C. (PFS) facility has been revised, due to the need to redact certain information in light of recent security concerns, the time required to provide copies of the FEIS to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the time involved in reproduction of the document.

As reflected in the Licensing Board's Order of September 20, 2001 and the Staff's letter of December 6, 2001, the FEIS is currently scheduled to be issued on December 21, 2001. For the reasons described above, the Staff currently expects to provide an unredacted version of the FEIS to the Licensing Board and parties under a confidentiality agreement and/or protective order by December 31, 2001, and to publish a redacted version of the FEIS on or about January 11, 2001.

Finally, the Staff notes that it expects to provide an unredacted version of a Supplement to its Safety Evaluation Report (SER) on geotechnical issues to the Licensing Board and parties under a confidentiality agreement and/or protective order, on December 21, 2001, and to publish a redacted version of the SER Supplement on or about January 11, 2001.

Sincerely,

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