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SUBJECT: NEW INFORMATION REGARDING U.S. AIR FORCE OPERATIONS OVER  
SKULL VALLEY

Dear Mr. Parkyn:

It has recently been brought to the attention of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff that the U.S. Air Force has removed the restriction on low altitude flights over the Reservation of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians and surrounding areas in Tooele County, Utah. The restriction (minimum altitude 1000 feet Above Ground Level (AGL), north of 40 degrees 13 minutes north latitude) was used by Private Fuel Storage, LLC (PFS), in the analysis contained in the study "Aircraft Crash Impact Hazard at the Private Fuel Storage Facility," which was submitted to the NRC staff during the staff's safety evaluation of the PFS application to construct and operate an away-from-reactor independent spent fuel storage installation on the Reservation of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians. The NRC completed its safety evaluation of the license application in December 2001, with the release of Supplement 2 to the PFS Safety Evaluation Report.

Staff from Hill Air Force Base (Hill AFB) in Ogden, Utah, have informed us that the 1000 foot altitude restriction which was found in Air Force Instruction (AFI) 13-212, Utah Test and Training Range (UTTR) Supplement 1 (Test), dated April 1998, has been superseded by the guidance in AFI 13-212 UTTR Supplement 2 (Training), dated October 2000. This document shows the minimum altitude now in effect over the Reservation as 100 feet AGL. The Hill AFB staff also informs us that a new combined Test/Training AFI UTTR Supplement to AFI 13-212 will also state that the minimum altitude is 100 ft. AGL.

Please review your analysis of the probability of military aircraft crashes near the site of the proposed PFSF and advise us at your earliest opportunity as to whether this information may affect and/or require revisions in your analysis. When the staff has received all necessary information, the information will be reviewed and evaluated to determine whether any supplement to the staff's safety evaluation is required and whether PFS is still in compliance with the applicable regulatory requirements.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (301) 415-8518.

Sincerely,

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