

March 25, 2005

The Honorable Robert F. Bennett
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bennett:

I am responding to your letter of March 17, 2005, sent to Chairman Nils J. Diaz, in which you register your strong opposition to granting the pending Private Fuel Storage, LLC (PFS) license application.

Under NRC regulations, the Commission has an adjudicatory role in the PFS proceeding. Due to the nature of the Commission's role, I trust you will understand that all members of the Commission must remain impartial during the pendency of this case. It would be inappropriate at this time for any of them to discuss or comment on issues involved in this matter.

A copy of your letter and this response will be served on the participants in the Private Fuel Storage, LLC proceeding.

Sincerely,

/RA/

J. Samuel Walker
Acting Secretary of the Commission

cc: PFS Service List

Identical letter sent to:

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The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch
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The Honorable Jim Matheson
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The Honorable Rob Bishop
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Chris Cannon
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