## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001



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Mark J. Langer, Clerk U. S. Court of Appeals E. Barrett Prettyman U.S. Courthouse 333 Constitution Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: <u>Ohngo Gaudadeh Devia, et al. v. Nuclear Regulatory Commission</u>, No. 05-1419 and 05-1420 (consolidated)

Dear Mr. Langer:

On December 13, 2005, respondent Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") filed an unopposed motion to hold the above-referenced consolidated cases in abeyance. For the reasons set forth in the December 13 motion, the NRC asked that the Court hold the cases in abeyance until the issuance of a final NRC decision on the State of Utah's then-pending motion to reopen the record of the administrative proceeding below. The Court has not yet acted on the NRC's December 13 abeyance motion. This letter is to inform the Court that yesterday, January 31, 2006, a final order on Utah's motion to reopen was issued by the NRC. The NRC's order denied Utah's motion to reopen in its entirety. *In the Matter of Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C.* (Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation), CLI-06-03, 62 N.R.C. (Jan. 31, 2006).

Given this development, we anticipate that the Court will issue a fresh scheduling order establishing deadlines for subsequent filings.

Please date stamp the enclosed copy of this letter to indicate date of receipt, and return the copy to me in the enclosed envelope, postage pre-paid, at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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