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Robert Tilford  
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TO:

Chairman Diaz

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Secure Spent Nuclear Fuel Rods/Radioactive Nuclear Waste Products from Nuclear Generating Facilities  
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**AUTHOR:** Robert Tilford  
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April 24, 2006

Chairman Nils J. Diaz  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman,

I'm writing you to ask for your assistance in a matter concerning the Department of Energy's failure to secure spent nuclear fuel rods and other highly radioactive nuclear waste products from various commercially operated nuclear generating facilities across the United States...

It appears there may be a problem concerning the license application for a nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada (see attached letter from Christopher A. Kouts, Department of Energy's Director System Analysis and Strategy Development Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management , dated April 13, 2006).

I'm requesting you look into this matter and see if there is any way the Nuclear Regulatory Commission can help resolve this situation so the Department of Energy can commence construction and operation of the Yucca Mountain repository without any further delay.

It is important that the Department of Energy have this facility operational so that it can begin securing the radioactive waste already being generated from the nations nuclear power plants. As it currently stands now such items as "spent nuclear fuel rods" are languishing at commercial facilities awaiting collection at this point. As you know this situation poses certain operational safety issues for these commercially operated nuclear generating facilities.

This matter needs to be addressed as soon as possible to avoid exacerbating the already growing problem we have in terms of our nations nuclear waste management and disposal program.

Any assistance you could provide to Mr. Christopher Kouts, or the Department of Energy at this point would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely



Robert Tilford

311 west Beech Ave  
McCracken, Kansas 67556

cc: Vice President Dick Cheney  
cc: Senator Pat Roberts  
cc: Christopher A. Kouts

**Department of Energy**

Washington, DC 20585

QA: NA

April 13, 2006

Mr. Robert Tilford  
311 West Beech Avenue  
McCracken, KS 67556

Dear Mr. Tilford:

This responds to your February 5, 2006, letter to Deputy Secretary Clay Sell. The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, as amended, defines the Federal Government's responsibility to provide permanent disposal in a geologic repository for commercial spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, including the spent nuclear fuel generated by the Duke Energy Corporation facilities mentioned in your letter.

The Department continues to move forward with a repository for the Nation's commercial spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. We are currently working diligently to develop a license application for a repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, that will demonstrate that the Department can safely, predictably, and reliably manage, package, transport, and dispose of spent nuclear fuel. That license application must be reviewed and approved by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission before the Department can commence construction and operation of the repository.

For further information, the Department's web site on the civilian radioactive waste management program can be found at [www.ocrwm.doe.gov](http://www.ocrwm.doe.gov). The Department appreciates your interest in this important national issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher A. Kouts".

Christopher A. Kouts, Director  
Systems Analysis and Strategy Development  
Office of Civilian Radioactive  
Waste Management

cc:

Senator Pat Roberts  
United States Senate



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



April 28, 2006

SECRETARY

Mr. Robert Tilford  
311 West Beech Avenue  
McCracken, Kansas 67556

Dear Mr. Tilford:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 24, 2006 to Chairman Nils J. Diaz, concerning securing radioactive waste.

A response is under preparation which will be forwarded to you shortly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annette Vietti-Cook".

Annette L. Vietti-Cook