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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENT: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED FORT SAINT VRAIN INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE INSTALLATION LICENSE RENEWAL (DOCKET # 72-9)

Dear Mr. Tarlton:

The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received an application from the United States Department of Energy (DOE) to renew Materials License Number SNM-2504 for the Fort St. Vrain (FSV) Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) located in Platteville, Colorado. DOE is requesting that its license be renewed for a 20-year period, beginning on November 30, 2011. NRC has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA), enclosed, for this proposed licensing action and is requesting your comments. If this renewal is approved, DOE will be allowed to continue operating under essentially the same license conditions as those set forth in the original 1991 license. If possible, please provide your comments within 30 days of the date of this letter.

The NRC is also conducting a safety evaluation of the DOE request to renew the license for the FSV ISFSI, pursuant to 10 CFR 72.42. The results of the safety evaluation will be documented in a separate Safety Evaluation Report.

If you have any questions, please contact Jean Trefethen of my staff at 301-415-5137 or, by e-mail to Jean.Trefethen@nrc.gov.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings and Issuance of Orders," a copy of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.

However, the enclosed draft EA is pre-decisional information and is limited to use by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and staff and should not be disclosed without prior NRC permission.

Sincerely,

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