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Honorable ASLB Panel Chair & NRC Rulemaking & Adjudications Staff:

Thank you for your January 23, 2023, MEMORANDUM. I am submitting a limited appearance statement in order to make the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board aware of my concerns at issue in the subject proceeding.

As the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists announced the movement of the Doomsday Clock (measuring the risk of nuclear annihilation) to “90 seconds to midnight” today, greater scrutiny than ever must be placed on the proposed plan by Nuclear Fuel Services to produce purified uranium for nuclear weapons. The location of NFS near homes, schools and vital waterways poses a grave danger to citizens and the ecosystem surrounding their communities. Indeed, eight new accident scenarios would exist if NFS licensing is granted. Nuclear danger does not just affect the local area. The entire region would suffer the same effects from nuclear accidents or other unforeseen disasters. The cost burden of nuclear production at a time when the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and negotiations toward reduction of nuclear arms should be a governmental priority is too much for residential communities and surrounding states to bear.

I agree with and endorse the recommendations of the Erwin Citizens Awareness Network (ECAN), specifically:

- (1) that NRC investigate ongoing chemical & radioactive poisoning of underground & surface water;
- (2) that NFS be required to adopt a strict quality assurance program throughout its operations;
- (3) that a comprehensive assessment of the cumulative impacts on the environment of this 65-year-old plant – that is, an EIS -- is long overdue and must be done; and
- (4) that a proliferation assessment be performed on the legality of making nuclear weapons material at a private company when U.S. and international law prohibit the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Living in Washington State, where the nuclear risks from materials produced going back several generations are still being felt by downwinders today, we know the impacts of such plants as Hanford go far beyond what was anticipated or prepared for. Nuclear Fuel Services proposal constitutes a bridging strategy to societal danger and devastation. Please follow the recommendations of ECAN and turn up the legal, environmental, scientific, and moral scrutiny of this unwise, untimely and ill-fitting plan.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael Ramos
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