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RE: Comment on State of Nevada's Petition for Rulemaking (Doc. No. PRM-73-10)

Dear Secretary Vietti-Cook:

This letter transmits the State of Wyoming's comment regarding the State of Nevada's Petition for Rulemaking (Doc. No. PRM-73-10) pursuant to 64 Fed. Reg. 49410 (September 13, 1999). Nevada seeks to have the NRC reevaluate requirements for safeguarding shipments of spent nuclear fuel due to the changing nature of threats involving terrorism and sabotage.

As a bridge state for spent fuel shipments along the I-80 corridor, Wyoming shares Nevada's concerns. Of particular concern is the current TRANSCOM system for tracking shipments. Our state's Emergency Management Agency and Highway Patrol both recommend that the rulemaking address the need for a more comprehensive and reliable system to track nuclear shipments. This recommendation is based on previous experience in which the tracking system gave inaccurate information regarding the location of a WIPP shipment passing through Wyoming.

Wyoming also agrees with Nevada's request for increased armed escort for nuclear shipments, but suggests that new rules make it optional, rather than mandatory, for the state or local jurisdiction to provide at least one armed escort.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gay Woodhouse  
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