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From: Jim Conca [mailto:jconca@rjlg.com]
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Dear Mr. Soura,

I recently visited Aiken and D.C. to give a series of talks at DOE, to citizen groups such as Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness, and to various folks on the Hill to discuss the ramifications of the recent recommendations of the President's Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future and thought you and the Governor might be interested in some of the results. Some of those discussions included folks from the offices of Senator DeMint, Congressman Clyburn, Senator Johnny Isakson and Speaker Boehner. Given that South Carolina, along with WA State, has the biggest issue with high level nuclear waste, there may be an opportunity to move forward in this area with SC in the lead, and this paper we wrote for the BRC outlines such a plan.

Nuclear waste is really a States-rights issue, not a Congressional one - they will approve it, but only if the States come up with the plan, and it's all about SC, NM and WA. The important point for the states in this proposal is the extra revenue generated from the NWFund that could go to the states in the form of jobs, university programs, nuclear R&D, etc., that should also benefit the industry. But only if the correct geologic formation is chosen as the second repository, i.e., salt. The first repository is still Yucca Mountain which must remain on the books but never to be used as it's too costly and will require additional revenues, either taxes or rate hikes for the industry which will never happen and doesn't need to.

I look forward to discussing this whenever you have a chance.

Hope you had a relaxing Christmas and New Year's break!

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