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Subject: RE: Japanese shipments

Thanks, guys!

From: Adams, Chaney [mailto:ChaneyAdams@gov.sc.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2016 2:40 PM
To: Asberry, Derrek
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Statement from Gov. Nikki Haley, "Today's news is another reminder that the Department of Energy has not lived up to its promises, and we will not back down: South Carolina will not be a permanent dumping ground for nuclear waste."

ON BACKGROUND: In response to her most recent letter, Sec. Moniz reached out to Gov. Haley to discuss SRS plutonium. Sec. Moniz informed the Governor that DOE will be releasing its final Record of Decision related to some plutonium at or on the way to SRS, including the Japanese plutonium, in the next couple days. This decision will designate the WIPP facility in New Mexico as the final destination for 6 metric tons of SRS plutonium. WIPP is not currently operational due to a 2014 incident, but Sec. Moniz stated on the call that it should be running by the end of 2016. Sec. Moniz also stated that the first shipment of plutonium out of SRS and to WIPP would occur in around 5 years. The plutonium would first have to be processed at SRS before being shipped to WIPP. While we are hopeful that the New Mexico agreement becomes reality, it has no impact on MOX, and we will not back down from our lawsuit until the DOE pays the \$1 million a day fine they are required to under federal law.

On Jun 7, 2016, at 1:32 PM, Asberry, Derrek <dasberry@postandcourier.com> wrote:

Chaney,

Just got an email from my editor about this.

Looking for a comment on the arrival of the plutonium following Gov. Haley's request to reroute material.

Also, thoughts on the expected arrival of other nuclear materials from Canada, Germany, etc. Thanks!

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