

Questions for Gov. Nikki Haley

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- I read Governor Nikki Haley's letter to Secretary Moniz, and I understand that the state of South Carolina filed a lawsuit against the US Department of Energy regarding the mixed oxide fuel (MOX) project and upcoming shipment of plutonium to South Carolina. I would like to ask you what kind of concerns people in South Carolina have about the possibility that the plutonium would be left in South Carolina for a long time, maybe permanently. Also what kind of significance does the lawsuit have for the people of South Carolina?
- The federal government made a commitment to remove the plutonium from South Carolina. Could you please tell me the reason why you think that this commitment is not trustworthy?
- What kind and how large of an impact does the plan of closing the Savanna River Site have for South Carolina's industry and employment?
- Do you think the plan to close the Savanna River Site increases concerns that the plutonium would be left in South Carolina?
- At this time the plutonium being shipped to South Carolina includes the plutonium used in Japan. Japanese people experienced disasters from nuclear attacks and nuclear power plants, and many people have fears of the proliferation of nuclear arms. Also it is controversial how we should deal with our nuclear waste, including plutonium, in Japan. I think Japanese people face similar difficulties as South Carolinians. What is your message to Japanese people on this problem and this shipment?