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Let's discuss.

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- 1.) First question would be simple: What does the governor see as the solution(s) to disposing of the spent fuel piling up at the nuclear reactors in our state? Does she see such storage – particularly in wet pools - as a danger?
- 2.) Calling for the revival of the Yucca Mountain project as a permanent solution is a common refrain, but if we rely that, aren't we continuing to "kick the can down the road?" The project appears dead in the water because Sen. Reid wields so much power. How does South Carolina exert its influence? Do we have the political clout? Are we simply holding out for a change in administration if we point only to Yucca as the solution?
- 3.) What about creating one of these "interim storage" facilities here? Interim storage is where the Blue Ribbon Commission has pointed to as the next step, and that appears to be where Congress is planting its flag. They say it can be safe and that it'll create jobs for whatever state agrees to permit it. Is SRS – already a radioactive site - exactly the kind of place that could host this type thing along with development of modular reactors and other initiatives? The SRS says in the initial story that it is a possibility but that local consent would be crucial. Or could there be other options?
- 4.) South Carolina was long known as the nation's dumping ground. Past governors in the 70s, 80s and 90s were willing to call in the National Guard and SCHP to keep waste from coming here. Has that sentiment changed as we proclaim our embrace of nuclear power? If we are to avoid being the dumping ground, what action can be taken to fight that? However, are we open to offers to open storage facilities here?
- 5.) Regarding the notion in the second story that concrete action has been left to the judicial branch ... should we continue to rely on the courts to force action? How do we break that trend? Is there any call the governor would like to make to the state's Congressional leaders on this issue?

Thanks for any help, Rob
- Eric

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