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COLUMBIA, S.C. – In response to the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission must resume its review of the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste storage project, Governor Haley spokesman, Doug Mayer, issued the following statement:

"From day one, Gov. Haley has been crystal clear on this issue – Yucca has been bought and paid for with South Carolina dollars and it's time to start using it to store nuclear waste. Only in Washington is it legal to make people pay something for nothing and that is exactly what is happening here. President Obama and his administration have failed to lead on this issue but with this ruling there is no legitimate excuse to not move forward and the South Carolinians who continually pay for services they don't receive expect nothing less. The governor is dedicated to keeping South Carolina from becoming a permanent home for this nation's processed nuclear waste and will continue pushing for Yucca Mountain to be used for its intended purpose."

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