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September 24, 2012

Mr. Tom Clements
Alliance for Nuclear Accountability
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Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Clements,

Upon further research, our office has found documents responsive to your Freedom of Information Act request for:

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With regard to constituent correspondence responsive to your request, single copies of two form letters from constituents are enclosed along with a single copy of our office's form letter response. However, there are approximately 158 additional pages of identical form letters not provided.

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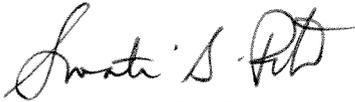
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Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Once payment is received, the additional items will be sent to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Swati S. Patel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Swati S. Patel
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Enclosures

Baker, Josh

From: Patterson, Karen <Karen.Patterson@tetrattech.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 9:08 AM
To: Baker, Josh
Subject: Draft letter and request re Gov position on interim storage

Josh -- Got the draft letter; will provide my thoughts in a day or, and craft a letter the council could send to Chu as well..

Got an email last night from Carolina Nuclear Cluster leadership, **asking what the Governor's position on interim storage is**. I will tell them the staff is collecting information preparatory to a position decision. While Aiken is focused on DOE hosting a facility on the SRS, and those implications, I think industry in the state is considering the possibility of a private storage facility that charges either the utility or DOE (depending on how the fuel title is managed) for storage and maintenance. Could be quite lucrative, and if I made storage casks, would consider it the perfect side business – low overhead, high return.

Thanks for your time yesterday. KP

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Baker, Josh

From: Catherine Templeton <templecb@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2012 3:36 PM
To: Baker, Josh
Subject: Fwd: NRC looking at "interim storage"
Attachments: 12-098.pdf

Catherine Templeton

Begin forwarded message:

From: Elizabeth Dieck <dieckea@dhec.sc.gov>
Date: September 6, 2012 1:27:26 PM EDT
To: Catherine Templeton <templecb@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: NRC looking at "interim storage"

Interesting.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Richard T. Caldwell" <caldwert@dhec.sc.gov>
Date: September 6, 2012 1:17:47 PM EDT
To: Mark Plowden <plowdemw@dhec.sc.gov>, Elizabeth Dieck <dieckea@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: NRC looking at "interim storage"

See attached NRC notification. Hope y'all have a Great Week!

Rick



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NRC DIRECTS STAFF TO CONDUCT TWO-YEAR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY AND REVISION TO WASTE CONFIDENCE RULE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today directed the agency's staff to develop an environmental impact statement (EIS) and a revised waste confidence decision and rule on the temporary storage of spent nuclear fuel. The EIS and rule, which are in response to a June 8 ruling of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, are to be completed within 24 months.

In a Staff Requirements Memorandum, the Commission directed the staff to "proceed directly" with development of the EIS and a revised waste confidence rule to satisfy the deficiencies the Appeals Court found in the NRC's 2010 waste confidence revision. The Commission said the staff should draw on the agency's "long, rich history" with waste confidence determinations as well as work performed by other agencies, such as environmental assessments, technical studies and reports addressing the impacts of transportation and consolidated storage of spent fuel.

The Appeals Court ruled that NRC should have considered the potential environmental effects in the event a permanent repository for disposing of spent fuel is never built, and found other deficiencies with the agency's consideration of leaks and fires involving spent fuel pools.

"Resolving this issue successfully is a Commission priority," said NRC Chairman Allison M. Macfarlane. "Waste confidence plays a core role in many major licensing actions, such as new reactors and license renewals. I applaud my fellow Commissioners for their swift action in setting a path forward to resolve the Court's remand, and we have confidence in the staff's ability to meet this demanding deadline."

"Waste confidence" is a generic finding that spent nuclear fuel can be safely stored for decades beyond the licensed operating life of a reactor without significant environmental effects. It enables the NRC to license reactors or renew their licenses without examining the effects of extended waste storage for each individual site pending ultimate disposal.

On Aug. 7, the Commission issued an Order that NRC will not issue licenses dependent on the waste confidence rule – such as new reactors and renewal of existing reactor operating licenses – until the Court's remand is appropriately addressed. That Order remains in effect.

The Commission directed the staff to “provide ample opportunity for public comment” on the EIS and rule, even while looking for ways to make the EIS and rulemaking process more efficient. It said the staff should form an inter-office team of the agency’s most-accomplished environmental experts to develop the EIS and resolve comments “with the urgency that this matter deserves.”

The NRC’s Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, which has regulatory responsibility over spent fuel storage and disposal, has established a Waste Confidence Directorate to develop the waste confidence EIS. The new directorate will be headed by Dr. Keith I. McConnell, currently deputy director of the Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection in the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs.

The Commission’s SRM, a staff paper outlining options to address the Court’s ruling (COMSECY-12-0016), and the Commissioners’ vote sheets with comments, are available on the [NRC website](#).

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From: Pitts, Ted
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2012 12:18 PM
To: Baker, Josh
Subject: FW: spent fuel to SRS
Attachments: Bingamin_waste_bill_8.1.2012.pdf

From: Ann [<mailto:ann@cvsc.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2012 3:32 PM
To: Pitts, Ted
Cc: tyoung@attorneyssc.com
Subject: spent fuel to SRS

Ted, here is some more background on SC's ability to 'negotiate.' We think negotiation is a rocky road. I would urge the Governor to oppose any negotiations that would gain "consent" without a permanent repository already licensed and funded. I think this is consistent with other statements she has made about Yucca and she should not back down from them. We'll express this at the NAC meeting but please share my concern about this with the Governor. (I am also copying Tom Young)

The Blue Ribbon Commission that traveled around the country did discuss "consent" in establishing spent fuel storage sites but really didn't define what that is. The bill introduced by Sen. Bingamin - see attached - essentially give controls to a local government entity and the governor: It does not look like the Bingamin bill will pass this year. DOE has not yet dealt with the "consent" issue and is apparently awaiting a "strategy document" from a post-Blue Ribbon Commission panel (the Nuclear Materials Working Group) that is expected to be delivered to Congress after Labor Day.

From the legislation:

(f) CONSENT AGREEMENTS.—
13 (1) REQUIREMENT.—On making a final deter14
mination of site suitability under subsection (e), but
15 before submitting a license application to the Com16
mission under subsection (g), the Administrator
17 shall enter into a consent agreement with—
18 (A) the Governor of the State in which the
19 site is located;
20 (B) the governing body of the affected unit
21 of general local government; and
22 (C) if the site is located on a reservation,
23 the governing body of the affected Indian tribe.
24 (2) CONTENTS.—The consent agreement
25 shall—

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1 (A) contain the terms and conditions on
2 which each State, local government, and Indian
3 tribe consents to host the repository or storage
4 facility; and
5 (B) express the consent of each State, local
6 government, and Indian tribe to host the reposi7
tory or storage facility.

Here's what Bingamin said about storage on August 1, 2012, when he introduced his bill:

"Most of the rest of our discussions focused on the siting process for temporary storage facilities and permanent geologic repositories. We agreed with the Commission's recommendation that the new organization employ a consent-based approach to siting nuclear waste facilities and with the need to establish interim storage facilities pending completion of a repository. But we were unable to agree on the "linkage" between storage facilities and the repository."

"Under current law, the Department of Energy cannot begin constructing a storage facility until the Nuclear Regulatory Commission issues a license to construct the repository. The Commission found that this tight linkage has prevented a storage facility from being built and recommended that it be eliminated. But the Commission also recognized the need for what it called "positive linkages" between storage and disposal to ensure that progress continues on both fronts and interim storage does not end up become permanent."

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From: Ann [mailto:ann@cvsc.org]
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To: Pitts, Ted
Subject: SRS interim storage

Ted, the article below indicated earlier concerns about use of SRS for "consolidated interim" storage. It's my understanding that the SRS Citizens Advisory Board originally agreed with this position but that more recently, the CAB has watered down its opposition to "expressing concern" and to merely asking DOE to keep them more informed. <http://www.ananuclear.org/Portals/0/CAB%20recom%20waste%20to%20SRS%208.14.2012.pdf>. Not sure if the Governor's Nuclear Advisory Committee has a position. We have also heard (fourth hand) that DOE has been approached by 4 governors (with DOE sites) seeking designation for consolidated storage....but I do not know specific names.

We aren't able to monitor all of what goes on at SRS, but we do have concerns about more high level waste coming to SRS and 'interim' sounds like forever given our past history! Thanks for checking.

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Greenville (South Carolina) news June 30

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20120630/NEWS/306300010/State-leaders-want-Nevada-nuclear-waste-option-back-on-table?odyssey=tab|mostpopular|text|NEWS>

State leaders want Nevada nuclear waste option back on table

Key documents in the nuclear waste issue

In America's capital, a new political realm has emerged in breaking the decades-old stalemate over solving the country's nuclear waste dilemma — but it's an impermanent territory that elected leaders in South Carolina, unified in their embrace of nuclear power, say they will not venture into.

Instead, they've placed their chips — all in — on a conviction that for 25 years has proved futile.

Sooner than later, they say, an abandoned, multibillion-dollar government project in a desert Nevada mountain must resurrect to become more than the political and geological wasteland that it is.

"I'm not one of those who believes Yucca Mountain is off the table," U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan, a Republican whose congressional district is book-ended by the Oconee Nuclear Station and Savannah River Site, said in an interview. "Under the current administration, it might be, but I personally believe that Yucca Mountain is alive and well."

The freshman congressman is far from alone in South Carolina, as colleagues on both sides of the aisle have called for Yucca Mountain's rebirth.

However, the pivot to "interim storage" of spent reactor fuel stockpiling at reactors across the country like Oconee Nuclear Station is one that has gained traction in the U.S. Senate, following a pace-setting Blue Ribbon Commission report issued earlier this year.

The commission was formed by President Barack Obama two years ago upon his decision, in unison with powerful Democratic U.S. Sen. Harry Reid, to cut off funding for Yucca Mountain as a permanent commercial waste repository.

The report, which intentionally didn't address what would be suitable permanent disposal sites, spells out a plan to create new, "consolidated" storage facilities for spent fuel whose radioactivity will live for hundreds of centuries.

Thousands of tons of radioactive spent fuel, much of it currently stored in deep pools of water near each of the nation's active and decommissioned nuclear reactors, would be held above ground in concrete-encased steel containers until a final resting place promised for decades is up and running.

"Temporary" in nuclear storage terms is measured in a time line spanning more than a hundred years.

Inertia has been the standard.

"It would be a tragedy for some crisis to develop and us rush into it and probably solve it in the wrong way," said former Democratic South Carolina Gov. Dick Riley, who was once appointed by President Jimmy Carter to try to solve the country's nuclear waste problem.

"It's better than nothing, I guess, but it's certainly not the way we ought to be solving the problem," Riley said. "Unfortunately, difficult decisions are not easily made in today's political world. That's unfortunate. This is a clear need for the country."

Savannah River option

South Carolina's legacy as the country's nuclear dumping ground, combined with its embrace of nuclear power and research, inevitably brings questions of waste storage back to one place.

"There is concern that some entity might put forth Savannah River Site for consolidated storage," said Tom Clements, nonproliferation policy director for the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability. "The question we have here in South Carolina is, 'Are we going to allow a small number of contractors in a community to be the one that speaks to give the OK?'"

SRS, originally born to produce material for the nation's nuclear arsenal, now manages the radioactive waste and is committed to environmental cleanup and new research. Officials there said the facility hasn't been formally proposed as an interim site.

Bill Taylor, an SRS spokesman, said that "there's always studies, but we've not really heard a final determination as to how that will go."

Yet, just as there exists bipartisan support in South Carolina for nuclear energy — such as new reactors and research for reprocessing fuel at SRS — so too is there bipartisan opposition against the state hosting consolidated storage.

"South Carolina is a great location for many aspects of the nuclear industry, but storing waste long-term is not a viable option at the Savannah River Site or elsewhere in the state," said longtime Democratic U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, who supports Yucca Mountain as a permanent disposal site and views

South Carolina as "the hub of the nuclear renaissance in the United States."

Upstate Republican U.S. Sens. Jim DeMint and Lindsey Graham were unavailable this week to be interviewed for this story.

Spokesmen for both Graham and DeMint pointed to legislation introduced by them that would force action on opening the \$12 billion Yucca Mountain repository, or in the alternative, refund billions of dollars paid by ratepayers into a nuclear waste fund dedicated to the repository.

In recent weeks, a collection of federal appeals judges, in scathing opinions, have forced the government's hand following lawsuits by power companies and nuclear watchdog groups.

Birth of Yucca solution

In 1982, Congress set up the Nuclear Waste Fund that customers of nuclear power would pay into via their monthly bills, a fund that today stands at more than \$27 billion with \$750 million more coming in each year.

In exchange, the government promised that by 1998 it would begin disposing of commercial spent nuclear fuel in Yucca Mountain, which when the fund was set up was chosen among three proposed sites.

The selection of Yucca Mountain at a time when Nevada lacked political clout is derisively known in the state as the "Screw Nevada Bill."

With the 1998 deadline now long passed, courts have awarded utilities billions of dollars in damages.

Recently, a U.S. District of Columbia Court of Appeals panel ruled that the energy secretary must explain within six months his reasoning for continuing to charge the fee, which for Duke Energy customers amounts to \$5.85 per year.

The government has used the fund, originally meant to be separate, as an accounting tool to weigh against the federal budget deficit.

In a recent Senate hearing on nuclear waste disposal, lawmakers latched onto the idea of establishing consolidated sites with the consent of willing states.

A prominent University of California-Berkeley nuclear engineering professor told the committee that interim storage is needed to alleviate the danger of spent fuel accumulating at reactors.

Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tennessee, a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, said in the hearing that the government should move forward with consolidated sites and “argue about Yucca Mountain along the way.”

South Carolina along with Washington state have taken legal action to compel the government to open the Nevada site.

“Whenever Congress is faced with making an unpopular political choice, the tendency is to delay,” said John Simpkins, a fellow of constitutional law at the Charleston School of Law.

“The only way that there’s likely to be a resolution of the problem,” Simpkins said, “will be courts forcing Congress to take action, and that gives Congress some cover, and they can say that they’re being ordered to do something by the courts. And so it goes – on and on.”

A spokeswoman for Republican U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson of South Carolina said that moving toward interim storage is nothing more than a “quick fix” that leaves decision-making to the courts.

“It takes our country’s resources away from funding a national repository,” the spokeswoman, Caroline Delleney, said.

“Based upon the inaction by the Senate and our president, the judicial system is currently our nation’s best hope for sensibly disposing of spent fuel.”

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley recently has said she will fight for federal grant money to fund the development of small modular reactors at SRS.

Haley didn’t address the issue of consolidated storage in South Carolina, but a spokesman said that the governor believes “on-site storage of nuclear materials was never supposed to be a long-term solution.”

“Gov. Haley has always been clear – Yucca has been bought and paid for, it’s time to

start using it," spokesman Rob Godfrey said.

Congress never passed a law dismissing the Yucca Mountain project.

A political upheaval could revive it, Duncan said.

"What I don't want to see is commercial nuclear waste brought to Savannah River Site from other states," Duncan said. "South Carolina has already done its part."

"Why not continue to make sure we've got the right storage facilities at the nuclear power plants now – where they've undergone inspections, undergone upgrades where needed – and bide our time?" he said.

"Harry Reid isn't always going to be in the Senate. President Obama isn't always going to be in the White House. Politics will change again in Washington, D.C."

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To: Baker, Josh; Soura, Christian
Subject: FW: Urgent Scheduling Request: Invitation to Governor Haley to Join Under Secretary D'Agostino for Announcement (Thur., March 29)

Importance: High

Hi, please see below. The Governor will be unable to participate as she's the speaker at the Fort Jackson graduation tomorrow. Who would it be appropriate as an alternative or to listen?

-Leigh

From: Morales, Esther [<mailto:Esther.Morales@Hq.Doe.Gov>]
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Affiliation: Constituent

Message:

Our research has led us to believe that certain business entities in the Aiken area are lobbying for South Carolina to become the replacement site for Yucca Mountain.

Every poll or survey done in this state has shown the people of South Carolina do NOT want more deadly, long-lived nuclear waste to be dumped in our state. We already have billions of curies left from cold war activities and other waste we have taken, such as the nation's inventory of deadly plutonium.

We urge you to reject any schemes to bring the nation's inventory of 70,000 tons of highly radioactive, spent nuclear fuel and dump it at the Savannah River Site under the guise of "interim storage."

We know there is NO exit strategy, and we will not be duped into becoming the replacement for Yucca Mountain. The waste needs to stay at the reactors, where it was created, in safe, Hardened On-Site Storage (HOSS) dry casks, until the permanent repository is built.

The people of South Carolina are overwhelmingly against further use of our state as the nation's nuclear waste dumping ground.

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NIKKI R. HALEY
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1205 PENDLETON STREET
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July 25, 2012

Ms. Jesse Hudson
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Dear Ms. Hudson,

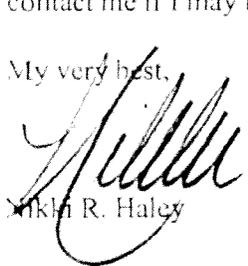
Thank you for your letter about South Carolina's energy needs; it is encouraging to see citizens interested in state government.

Energy independence is an extremely important matter to our state and our nation. For too long, we have undermined our national security by relying upon countries opposed to our interests in order to secure energy that drives America's industrial and military might. Although it is essential that we further develop domestic energy sources—including advanced and alternative technologies—the government should not pick and choose specific areas for further exploration. The collapse of Solyndra this past summer, which received a \$535 million loan guarantee from the Obama Administration, reminds us of what can happen when the government tries to predict which firms or technologies will be successful.

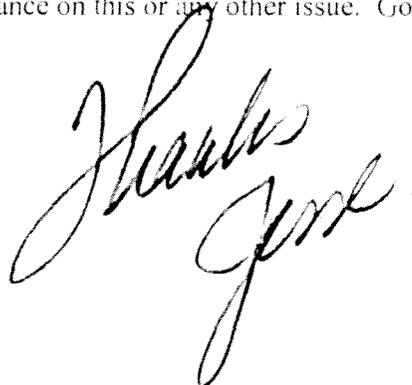
South Carolina's businesses and researchers are already hard at work finding innovative ways to provide citizens with alternative fuel sources, including nuclear energy and offshore drilling and wind, among others. With private sector support, these technologies will yield more energy in the future, to strengthen our state's infrastructure and business climate, and reduce our dependence on foreign states' supplies.

Again, thank you for your interest in energy policy in South Carolina; please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance on this or any other issue. God bless.

My very best,


Nikki R. Haley

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July 19, 2011

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Opposition to Radioactive Spent Fuel Storage and Reprocessing in South Carolina

Dear Governor Haley,

I am writing to you to express concern about the possibility of the nation's high radioactive commercial spent nuclear fuel being brought to South Carolina for "interim" storage. I am totally opposed to any plan which would essentially make our state a high-level nuclear waste dump at the hands of the federal government.

On July 29, the Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) will issue its draft report on how to manage spent nuclear fuel and Department of Energy high-level waste and it is likely to include a recommendation in support of "consolidate interim storage" of commercial spent fuel. Such a recommendation would affirm the BRC's Transportation and Storage Subcommittee's draft report of May 31, which said that "the United States should proceed expeditiously to establish one or more consolidated interim storage facilities" for spent fuel.

An "interim" storage facility would present a host of environmental and public health risks that we feel South Carolina should not bear. We have already done our share of handling the nation's nuclear waste, both at the Barnwell site and the Savannah River Site, and becoming the new Yucca Mountain is unacceptable.

One of the greatest risks posed by an "interim" facility is that it will be used by proponents of reprocessing to push for the siting of a reprocessing facility at the Savannah River Site. Reprocessing is a dirty and dangerous chemical process that requires import of spent fuel and leaves behind a host of nuclear waste streams, including various kinds of low-level waste, aerial discharge of radioactive gases, high-level waste, contaminated uranium, and plutonium. Given the numerous waste streams that will be left behind, reprocessing is in no sense "recycling," a green-washing term being used by those hoping to profit from the government's funding of reprocessing.

I urge you to protect South Carolina from plans by the federal government to make us the nation's spent fuel storage or reprocessing site and will support you towards that end.

Sincerely,


Arnold E. Karr
Columbia, SC



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August 8, 2011

Mr. Arnold Karr
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Dear Mr. Karr,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding your concerns about the storage and reprocessing of radioactive spent fuel in South Carolina. South Carolinians face many challenges and Governor Haley values receiving feedback from citizens like you. It is encouraging that citizens are taking an active role in their government, and the governor uses your input when making decisions that affect South Carolina's future.

In order to most effectively incorporate your concerns and suggestions into the actions and policies furthered by Governor Haley, your correspondence has been forwarded to the governor's policy advisors for review and research. When Governor Haley makes decisions on issues and legislation regarding storage of radioactive materials, your input will be among the factors presented and considered. Again, thank you for your correspondence.

If you would like to follow up further with a member of the governor's staff, both Joshua Baker and I would be happy to assist you and may be reached at 803.734.2100.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Shuster".

Jamie Shuster
Director of Budget and Policy