Spent Fuel Solutions
Desmond and Foley CEP Email
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Subject: Spent Fuel Solutions Coalition Updates

Dear Chairman Stetson and CEP Members,

As we mark Spent Fuel Solutions' (SFS) third anniversary, we have much to celebrate in the spent fuel policy space. Our coalition continues to actively advocate for the legislative changes needed to develop a flexible and durable spent fuel management program that includes both consolidated interim storage (CIS) and permanent disposal. Achieving this goal will require amendments to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA), and we have identified six key policy priorities:

- Congressional authorization to form a single-purpose, autonomous federal organization to assume management of the program from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).
- Reliable and adequate funding such as access to the Nuclear Waste Fund.
- Authorization for a flexible, consent-based repository siting program that does not designate a particular repository, whether Yucca Mountain or other.
- Revisiting the linkage between CIS and a repository to allow for near-term offsite storage, with flexibility to allow input from potential host communities without defining consent.
- Authorization for the U.S. government to expand the application of federal title to and liability for spent fuel to include private interim storage.
- Actively engaging states, tribes, and local entities affected by transportation beyond the NWPA's scope by adding a public information program and emergency preparedness, including modest funding where appropriate.

We began meeting with federal leaders to discuss potential legislation to amend the NWPA and are planning a trip to Washington, D.C. later this spring. Comprehensive amendments to the NWPA will not be easy and will require support from both sides of the aisle. It will also require the support of our members and others who want to see the spent fuel at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) relocated to an offsite facility.

In addition, SFS continues to pursue public education and engagement opportunities. In late January, we hosted our fifth Spent Fuel Solutions webinar, which featured local officials from international host communities, including Vesa Lakaniemi, Mayor of Eurajoki Municipality, Finland, and Jacob Spangenberg, former Mayor of Östhammar Municipality, Sweden. You can find a video of the webinar on our website, www.spentfuelsolutionsnow.com/events. We plan to continue our quarterly events this year and look forward to sharing more in the future.

Best regards,

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