

FRED UPTON, MICHIGAN  
CHAIRMAN

FRANK PALLONE, JR., NEW JERSEY  
RANKING MEMBER

ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH CONGRESS  
**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

2125 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6115

Majority (202) 225-2927  
Minority (202) 225-3641

June 9, 2015

Ms. Josephine Piccone  
Director, Yucca Mountain Directorate  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
11545 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Ms. Piccone:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy on Friday, May 15, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "Update on the Current State of Nuclear Waste Management Policy."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Tuesday, June 23, 2015. Your responses should be mailed to Will Batson, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 and e-mailed to [Will.Batson@mail.house.gov](mailto:Will.Batson@mail.house.gov).

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



John Shimkus  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy

cc: The Honorable Paul Tonko, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy

Attachment

### Additional Question for the Record

#### The Honorable John Shimkus

1. Recently, multiple private companies have announced their intention to pursue an NRC license to serve as a consolidated interim storage site for high-level radioactive waste and commercial spent nuclear fuel. However, we have experience trying to license and operate one of these facilities. Private Fuel Storage, a private company, pursued a storage facility in partnership with an Indian tribe in Utah, but was doomed due to opposition from powerful political forces.
  - A. Please describe the PFS experience, including NRC's actions on the license.
  - B. What did NRC learn from this experience?
  - C. Please describe the process for and timeline that is reasonably expected if another private company applies for an NRC license.
  - D. What sort of responsibilities would be required of the Federal government?
  - E. Who would be required to pay for the costs to acquire a license?