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Dear Mr. Ronningen:

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 Questions for the Record

### The Honorable John Shimkus

1. There are currently numerous sites throughout the country which store commercial spent nuclear fuel from shutdown nuclear reactors at just an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). Additionally, there are additional reactor sites which are going through the decommissioning process with more units shutting down in the coming years.
  - A. How can Congress create a structure to assure these sites can be redeveloped and save taxpayer funding, while treating all spent nuclear fuel in an equitable fashion?
  - B. What are the proper potential mechanisms to address stranded sites?
2. As Congress moves forward to address the logjam associated with nuclear waste management policy, how can we protect the taxpayer to assure that total lifecycle system costs, including transportation, are not increased? What are some key principles to consider?
3. Two private companies announced their intentions to pursue an NRC license to serve as a consolidated interim storage site. However, as you know, Private Fuel Storage (PFS) pursued, and received, an NRC license for this purpose, and they are now releasing the license. What differentiates the recent announcements from the PFS experience?
4. The Eddy Lea Energy Alliance recently proposed constructing an interim storage facility in Southeastern New Mexico. New Mexico Senator Martin Heinrich said, "I cannot support establishing an interim storage facility until we are sure that there will be a path forward to permanent disposal."
  - A. Is the lack of progress on Yucca Mountain hampering our ability to move forward on interim storage?
  - B. Would an expeditious review of the Yucca License application provide more certainty for interim storage stakeholders?