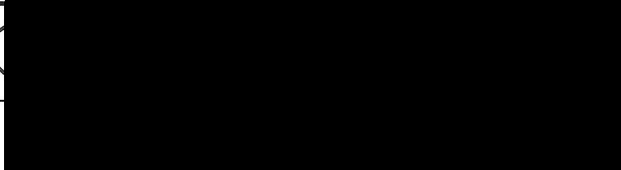


**Committee on Energy and Commerce**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"  
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

<b>1. Your Name:</b> Christopher A. Kouts		
<b>2. Your Title:</b> Managing Partner, Kouts, Consulting		
<b>3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing:</b> Myself		
<b>4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> X
<b>5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2013. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed.</b>		
None		
<b>6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.</b>		

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Christopher A. Kouts

**Highly accomplished senior executive with over 30 years of extensive experience in nuclear energy related issues, including radioactive waste management (transportation, storage and disposal).**

## **EDUCATION**

**Master of Science** – Engineering Mechanics: The George Washington University - 1974

**Bachelor of Science** – Mechanical Engineering: The George Washington University – 1971

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **Managing Partner, Kouts Consulting**

*2010 – Present*

- Providing management and technical consulting services to Government and industry.

### **Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM), DOE**

*2009 - 2010*

- Led the creation and management of program policy and operation.
- Led the program support for the NRC review of the “Construction Authorization License Application for Spent Nuclear Fuel and High Level Waste Disposal at Yucca Mountain.”

### **Principal Deputy Director, OCRWM, DOE**

*2008 - 2009*

- Led 2800 employees from national laboratories, Bechtel Corporation and federal staff.
- Managed and allocated an annual budget of \$400 million dollars.
- Supervised the development and finalization of technical and scientific information to support the June 2008 submission of a construction authorization license application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the Yucca Mountain repository. The application represented the culmination of over 25 years of scientific and technical work and an expenditure of over \$6B.

### **Director, Office of Waste Management, OCRWM, DOE**

*2003 - 2008*

- Appointed a member of the Senior Executive Service by the Secretary of Energy.
- Developed and implemented the Yucca Mountain Transportation and Disposal (TAD) canister concept where spent fuel canister designs (PWR and BWR) were developed and implemented to allow, with appropriate overpacks, transport under 10 CFR Part 71, storage under 10 CFR Part 72 and Part 63 and disposal at Yucca Mountain under 10 CFR Part 63.
- Represented DOE and supported US DOJ in over 70 lawsuits filed against the federal government.

- Testified as lead Federal Government witness in Court of Federal Claims. Provided over 50 hours of sworn in-court testimony and over 100 hours of depositions in defense of US government positions across multiple lawsuits related to the Standard Contract litigation.

### **Various Management and Staff Positions, OCRWM, DOE**

*1985-2003*

- Managed the development of spent fuel truck cask designs and spent fuel rail cask designs for NRC certification including representations to NRC staff and management. Thoroughly familiar with 10 CFR Part 71 requirements for cask design certification, as well as spent fuel shipment routing regulations, requirements and risk assessment.
- Managed the development of several designs for Monitored Retrievable Storage and later Interim Storage facilities under 10 CFR Part 72. Developed and submitted Topical Safety Analysis Reports (TSAR's) on interim storage (10 CFR Part 72) and stand-alone at-reactor dry-transfer spent fuel handling (10 CFR Part 20) facilities for NRC review. The TSAR's facility design envelopes were purposely broad to allow siting throughout the continental U.S.

### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- Multiple Congressional Hearings (Most recent - June 2011)
- National Academy of Sciences
- Harvard School of Public Health
- Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board
- National Institute of Standards and Technology

### **LICENSES AND CLEARANCES**

Professional Engineer - State of Virginia

Q Level Department of Energy Security Clearance (inactive)

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

International Association for Environmentally Safe Disposal of Radioactive Materials (EDRAM), Advisory Committee to U.S. DOE Office of Nuclear Energy (Fuel Cycle Subcommittee), American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Tau Beta Pi (Engineering Honorary Fraternity)

### **AWARDS**

Received over 50 Outstanding Performance and Special Act or Service Awards for excellence in Government Service, including the Presidential Rank - Meritorious Senior Executive Award.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Cited and published in numerous publications.