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Mr. Chuck Smith  
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Aiken County, South Carolina  
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Energy Communities Alliance  
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Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "Update on Low-level Radioactive Waste Disposal Issues."

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 Wednesday, December 3, 2015. Your responses should be mailed to Will Batson, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 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. Mr. Smith, your testimony noted that Greater Than Class C material was intended for permanent disposal in Yucca Mountain. While DOE continues to consider options for GTCC, would Yucca Mountain be a natural option?
  - A. Had DOE continued work on Yucca Mountain, would the advancement of the licensing process been a sufficient plan for your communities to have confidence that DOE will permanently dispose of GTCC waste?