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November 19, 2015

Mr. Mark Whitney  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary  
U.S. Department of Energy  
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Dear Mr. Whitney:

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. Does DOE have disposal plan for depleted uranium, as required by the USEC Privatization Act?
  - A. Will NRC's ongoing actions relating to Part 61 rulemaking affect DOE's disposal plans? If so, how? If not, why not?
  
2. DOE is proposing two new on-site disposal cells at Portsmouth & Oak Ridge.
  - A. Did the Department solicit pricing from commercial entities through a Request For Proposal process for off-site disposal options?
  
  - B. Does DOE include off-site commercial disposal costs as part of their evaluation prior to proposing new on-site disposal cells? If so, how are those evaluations included in the project management decision process? If not, why not?