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Dear Mr. Bearden:

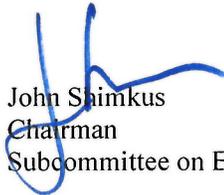
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy on Thursday, December 3, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "The Nuclear Waste Fund: Budgetary, Funding, and Scoring Issues."

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 Thursday, January 21, 2016. 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 Tim Murphy**

1. Much of the discussion regarding the nature of the Nuclear Waste Fund assumes that the funding for a used fuel management program is in a “lockbox” in a Treasury Department account waiting to be spent by the Department of Energy. Is that assumption accurate?
  - A. Will you clarify the differing nature of the authorized cap of the Nuclear Waste Fund relative to what’s actually available to appropriate?
  
2. Your testimony describes a permanent, indefinite appropriation known as the Judgment Fund to pay legal claims against the Federal Government. Will you please clarify why claims resulting from the Federal government’s breach of contract with utilities are paid for out of the Judgment Fund instead of the Nuclear Waste Fund?