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NRC CONSIDERS APPLICATION FOR SPENT FUEL STORAGE FACILITY  
ON SKULL VALLEY GOSHUTE INDIAN RESERVATION IN UTAH

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering an application from Private Fuel Storage Limited Liability Company (PFS) for a license to store spent fuel from nuclear reactors in a facility on the Skull Valley Goshute Indian Reservation in Skull Valley, Utah, about 85 miles southwest of Salt Lake City.

The NRC will offer an opportunity for a hearing to persons whose interests may be affected.

If granted, the license will authorize PFS to store spent fuel in dry storage cask systems in an independent spent fuel storage installation that the applicant proposes to construct and operate on the reservation. Under NRC regulations, the term of the license would be 20 years. NRC's review of the application will include the development of an environmental impact statement.

NRC will publish in the Federal Register soon a "Notice of Consideration of Issuance of a Materials License for the Storage of Spent Fuel and Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing." The notice will include procedures that should be followed by persons who wish to file a petition with the NRC for a hearing or a petition to participate as a party in the hearing, if one is held. The notice will also specify the date by which petitions must be filed.

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