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Co- Chair  
CSG Midwestern Radioactive  
Materials Transportation Committee  
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Lombard, IL 60148

Dear Mr. Leuer and Mr. Gothard,

Thank you for your January 10<sup>th</sup> letter, regarding the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Nuclear Energy's (DOE-NE) engagement with state and tribal governments on spent nuclear fuel transportation planning.

DOE recognizes the responsibility that state and tribal governments have to ensure the health and safety of their communities. The Department also appreciates that effective engagement between DOE and state and tribal governments, such as the engagement that takes place with the Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Committee has contributed to the success of various DOE radioactive materials shipping programs.

Faced with limited resources, DOE-NE has found it necessary to scale back travel to regional meetings, cancel the 2018 Transportation Core Group meetings, and focus its efforts on more broadly attended national events. Participation in national meetings, such as DOE's annual meeting of the National Transportation Stakeholders Forum, enables DOE-NE staff to efficiently interact with numerous state and tribal government representatives, as well as other stakeholders interested in spent nuclear fuel shipments. As planning for spent nuclear fuel management evolves and additional Congressional direction and appropriations are received, further participation in state regional group and tribal government engagement activities and conduct of Transportation Core Group meetings may be reconsidered.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William J. Boyle".

William J. Boyle  
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