



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD
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The Honorable Joseph Manchin III
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Barrasso
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Manchin and Ranking Member Barrasso:

The U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (Board), an independent federal agency in the executive branch, performs independent technical and scientific peer review of the U.S. Department of Energy's activities related to managing and disposing of spent nuclear fuel (SNF) and high-level radioactive waste (HLW), and reports its findings and recommendations to Congress and the Secretary of Energy. The Board hopes the Committee will consider the Board a technical resource and will feel free to call on the Board to address technical and scientific questions related to SNF and HLW management and disposal.

The enclosed letter contains the Board's evaluation, findings, and recommendations to DOE regarding DOE's efforts to develop a consent-based siting process for a federal consolidated interim storage facility for SNF and provides two observations (see page 7) that can inform Congressional decision-making regarding the path forward on the management and disposal of SNF and HLW.

We would like to brief you or your staff on the letter and we would be happy to answer the questions that you may have. Please let us know a good day and time for an in-person or virtual meeting. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Siu".

Nathan Siu
Chair

Enclosure