



**UNITED STATES**  
**NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD**  
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The Honorable Charles Fleischmann  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Marcia Kaptur  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Fleischmann and Ranking Member Kaptur:

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 "Nathan Siu".

Nathan Siu  
Chair

Enclosure