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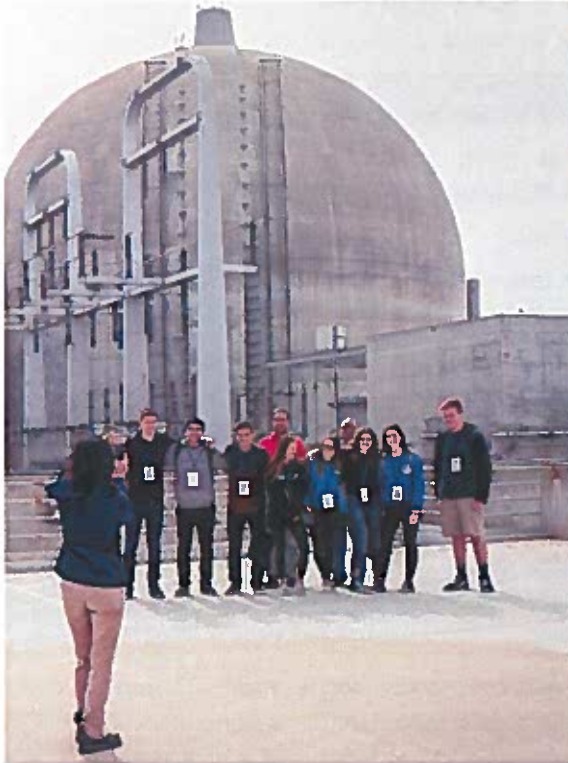
Congressional efforts to advance interim storage & permanent disposal: (see letters attached)

1. **Congressmen Jerry McNerney (CA-09) and John Shimkus (IL-15) introduced H.R. 2699, the *Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2019*. The legislation is similar to H.R. 3053, which passed the House of Representatives in 2018 with bipartisan support.**
2. **Spent nuclear fuel (SNF) interim storage letter was sent to the House Appropriations Subcommittee members on April 1, 2019, urging members to include funding for SNF and greater than Class C waste storage and disposal in order to move forward and make these important advances in the nation's used fuel management program.**
3. **Joint letter was sent by several organizations to Senate & House Energy & Water Appropriations Leaders on April 30, 2019, urging congressional leadership to appropriate funds in fiscal year 2020 for critical elements of an effective nuclear waste management program. Organizations included, American Nuclear Society, Decommissioning Plants Coalition, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, Nuclear Energy Institute, National Industry Council and Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition.**

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UNITED STATES
CONGRESSMAN **JERRY
MCNERNEY**
REPRESENTING CALIFORNIA'S 9th DISTRICT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 14, 2019

Reps. McNerney, Shimkus Introduce Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act

Similar legislation passed the House 340-72 in the 115th Congress

Washington, DC – Today, Congressmen Jerry McNerney (CA-09) and John Shimkus (IL-15) introduced H.R. 2699, the *Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2019*. The legislation is similar to H.R. 3053, which passed the House of Representatives in 2018 with bipartisan support.

“Our country has a dangerous buildup of inadequately secured nuclear waste,” said **Congressman McNerney**. “We need a short and long-term solution for the storage and disposal of nuclear waste. This hazardous logjam puts communities at risk and inhibits our ability to integrate nuclear power into a robust emissions-reducing agenda to combat the impending threats of climate change.”

“This approach, which simultaneously advances interim storage and permanent disposal, is the only solution to our nation’s nuclear waste stalemate that has gone through the legislative process and earned broad bipartisan support in either chamber,” **Congressman Shimkus** said. “If we’re serious about reducing emissions, the reality is nuclear power must remain a robust portion of our energy portfolio. But a failure to resolve the waste issue will compromise this key component of any serious proposal to address climate change.”

Specially, the legislation:

- Assists in the resolution of the pending permanent repository license, which will allow the formal licensing process to determine if the Yucca Mountain site can be licensed and constructed;

- Reforms a broken financing mechanism to protect ratepayers and assure the Department of Energy (DOE) has adequate funding to construct and operate a multi-generational infrastructure project;
- Directs DOE to move forward with a temporary storage program to consolidate spent nuclear fuel from sites with a decommissioned reactor while work on the Yucca Mountain repository progresses, and prioritizes the transfer of spent fuel from seismically active areas to interim sites;
- Provides the State of Nevada and local stakeholders the opportunity to engage with the Federal government as the host State for the repository; and
- Protects our nation's national security priorities by providing the most expeditious pathway to remove "defense-waste" from DOE sites

The original cosponsors of the *Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2019* represent some of the 121 communities in 39 states where spent fuel and defense waste currently sits idle, as well as states that have no nuclear power plants. Original cosponsors include: Representatives Scott Peters (D-California), Jeff Duncan (R-South Carolina), Salud Carbajal (D-California), Debbie Lesko (R-Arizona), Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-Delaware), Fred Upton (R-Michigan), Bill Keating (D-Massachusetts), Rick Allen (R-Georgia), Mike Doyle (D-PA), Joe Wilson (R-SC), Joe Courtney (D-CT) and Troy Bladerson (R-OH).

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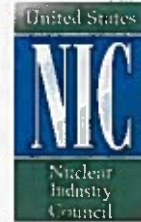
Rep. Jerry McNerney proudly serves the constituents of California's 9th Congressional District that includes portions of San Joaquin, Contra Costa, and Sacramento Counties. For more information on Rep. McNerney's work, [follow him on Facebook](#) and on Twitter [@RepMcNerney](#).



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April 30, 2019

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Dear Senate and House Energy & Water Appropriations Leaders:

The undersigned organizations seek your leadership to appropriate funds in FY 2020 for the following critical elements of an effective nuclear waste management program:

- **Completion of the Yucca Mountain Licensing Review.** Consistent with the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) need funding as requested to proceed with the adjudicatory process for evaluating scientific evidence provided by experts from DOE, the State of Nevada, and other parties and determining whether the license application for the proposed Yucca Mountain repository should be granted.
- **Implementation of Pilot Consolidated Interim Storage with Priority for Shutdown Reactor Fuel.** Congress should also facilitate a pilot consolidated interim storage (CIS) facility for spent nuclear fuel (SNF) and Greater-Than-Class-C (GTCC) waste stranded at shutdown nuclear sites to (i) enable the government to begin meeting its obligations sooner; (ii) allow for other uses of decommissioned reactor sites; and (iii) implement the country's SNF transportation infrastructure. So that this pilot can be made available in a timely manner, DOE should be instructed to work with private initiatives that are already pursuing licenses for such a facility to the maximum extent possible.
- **Preparation for SNF Transportation.** Because development of SNF transportation infrastructure will be necessary regardless of destination, we support funding for DOE to (i) test, certify, and procure rail cars, as well as licensed transportation casks and components in a manner that utilizes the private sector to the maximum extent practicable as required by the NWPA; and (ii) increase financial and technical assistance to tribal, state, and local governments for transportation and related emergency preparedness activities that will enhance public confidence in the safety of SNF transportation.

We ask that your respective Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittees include these three items in your upcoming markups. It is imperative that Congress provide direction and funding this session to advance an integrated national nuclear waste program that includes completing the Yucca Mountain license application review and establishing a pilot CIS facility with priority for shutdown reactor fuel. In addition, we urge you to restructure the funding and spending mechanisms for the Nuclear Waste Fund (NWF) to provide the necessary certainty to implement the program over multiple decades. This should include sustainable access to the NWF



balance and all accumulated interest while maintaining effective Congressional oversight. Together, these actions would send a clear message that you are committed to resolving the nuclear waste stalemate and ensuring that the federal government carries out its statutory and contractual responsibility to manage and dispose of SNF.

Urgent action is needed. NWF receipts total nearly \$50 billion, including fees collected from U.S. electric consumers per the NWPA and interest accumulating at a rate of approximately \$1.5 billion per year. Electric consumers have met their obligation and received nothing in return. In addition, the impasse over nuclear waste is costing all U.S. taxpayers billions of dollars. As of September 30, 2018, the federal government had paid \$7.4 billion in damages as a result of lawsuits and settlements, and its current estimate of remaining federal liabilities is over \$28 billion. Every extra day of Congressional inaction costs American taxpayers another \$2.2 million! Finally, U.S. commercial SNF inventories now exceed 80,000 metric tons at 98 operating reactors, 15 shutdown sites, and the Morris independent spent fuel storage site in Illinois, and all must be removed and permanently disposed per the federal government's obligation.

In closing, our organizations respectfully request that your response to our joint call for action include funding the noted priorities in FY 2020 and ensuring sustainable funding of an integrated nuclear waste management program. Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact Katrina McMurrian, NWSC Executive Director, at katrina@theNWSC.org or 615.905.1375, for more information.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Hofmann
Chair, Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition (NWSC), and Commissioner, Vermont Public Utility Commission

cc: The Honorable Rick Perry, Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
The Honorable Mick Mulvaney, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 1, 2019

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
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The Honorable Mike Simpson
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Subcommittee on
Energy and Water Development
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Dear Chairwoman Kaptur and Ranking Member Simpson:

We write to request your assistance in addressing a long-standing issue that exists in each of our districts and states – finding a path forward for the timely removal of spent nuclear fuel (SNF) and material classified as Greater-Than Class C waste (GTCC waste) from sites where nuclear power generating activities have permanently ceased.

It is well known that the federal government has been found by the courts to be in partial breach of the contractual obligation created by the 1982 Nuclear Waste Policy Act to remove this material beginning in January 1998. Over the course of litigation in the intervening years, the U.S. Court of Claims has consistently ruled in favor of companies for expenditures they have incurred in the continuing storage of these materials. The Department of Energy (DOE) has previously estimated that the resulting impact on taxpayers could reach or exceed \$30.8 billion – assuming it is in a position to begin meeting its obligation through the use of a pilot consolidated storage facility in 2021. Any delay in this schedule will only increase the Department's liabilities. These funds are paid out of a permanent appropriations account known as the Judgment Fund and they add to the federal deficit without benefit of budget or appropriations considerations.

DOE has been obligated to draw from the Judgment Fund because issues associated with the management of SNF and GTCC material at permanently shuttered nuclear plants have been at a stalemate for an extended period of time. We were pleased to see that these issues were a major focus of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future during the Obama Administration, and remain a top priority of the Trump Administration as well.

Moreover, the Trump Administration's fiscal year 2020 budget for the Department of Energy requests robust funding to address SNF and GTCC material via an interim storage program. The requested funding could help with the initiation of a consolidated interim storage (CIS) program within DOE with an initial focus on accepting SNF and GTCC waste from the shutdown reactors. The NRC has already docketed two CIS facility applications, which are now undergoing multiyear technical review processes to ensure the facilities would meet all applicable standards.

With this in mind, we respectfully request \$25 million to support the development of a CIS program at DOE, complete the necessary applications, and assist with site preparation activities

and regional transportation efforts of SNF. Specifically, we request \$10 million for the initiation of a robust CIS program at DOE; \$10 million for site preparation activities at Stranded Fuel sites preparing to move SNF to interim storage facilities; and \$5 million to support DOE's efforts to reinstate Regional Transport compacts and transportation coordination.

Our constituents have waited patiently for action on this matter, and it is past time that we end the continued stalemate that is wasteful of taxpayer resources and detrimental to the redevelopment of these sites in our communities. We urge you to include funding for SNF and GTCC waste storage and disposal in order to move forward and make these important advances in the nation's used fuel management program.

Sincerely,



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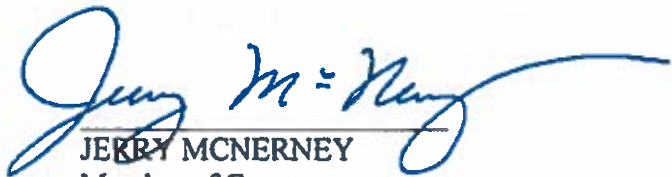
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