



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Dr. Georg Schütte
State Secretary
Federal Ministry of Education and Research
Office of the Secretary of State
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Dear Dr. Schütte:

Thank you for your February 27, 2012, letter to Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Thomas P. D'Agostino, regarding the graphite-based spent nuclear fuel containing highly enriched uranium. I have been asked to respond on behalf of the Under Secretary.

The Department of Energy is supportive of the Federal Republic of Germany's proposal to examine options for possible acceptance and disposition of this particular spent nuclear fuel in the United States. Specifically, the Office of Environmental Management (EM) will work with Germany's Federal Ministry of Education and Research and reactor officials to conduct a feasibility study regarding acceptance and disposition of this spent nuclear fuel at the Savannah River Site.

I have appointed Mr. Edgardo (Gary) DeLeon, Director, Office of Nuclear Materials Disposition, as the lead for EM and your principal contact on this effort.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Mr. DeLeon at (301) 903-7668 or via e-mail at edgardo.deleon@em.doc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Huizenga".

David Huizenga

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