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June 28, 2013

The Honorable Ernest Moniz
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Moniz:

It has come to our attention that the Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy has initiated certain activities in support of its *Strategy for the Management and Disposal of Used Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste* dated January 2013 (the Strategy). In part, the Strategy calls for a program that sites, designs and licenses, constructs, and begins operations of a pilot interim storage facility by 2021, a larger interim storage facility in 2025, and a geologic repository in 2048.

In July, the Energy and Commerce Committee's Environment and the Economy Subcommittee will conduct a hearing examining the Department's activities in support of the Strategy. In preparation for this hearing, we ask that the Department provide the following information:

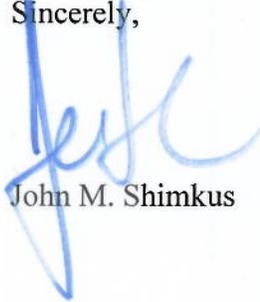
1. A list of programs, solicitations, or activities undertaken in support of the Strategy including:
 - a. A description of the deliverables expected to result from each item and the time estimate for their completion;
 - b. The resources expended to date and projected to be necessary for completion, including whether funds from the Nuclear Waste Fund have been or will be used on each item; and
 - c. A description of the legal authority under which each item is being pursued.
2. A description of DOE's efforts to develop a consent-based siting process, including any preliminary design of such a process.

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To assist the Committee in its continuing oversight, please respond no later than July 12, 2013. Should you have any questions, please contact Annie Caputo of the Committee staff at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Shimkus", is written over the typed name.

John M. Shimkus