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The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman  
Secretary  
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Washington, D.C. 20585

**RE:** Request for Comments Regarding the July 23, 2007 Notice of Revised Proposed Policy for Implementing Section 180(c) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act

Bear Secretary Bodman,

This letter serves as my response to the Department of Energy's request for comments regarding the July 23, 2007 Notice of Revised Proposed Policy for Implementing Section 180(c) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA). If the proposed Yucca Mountain Geologic Repository in fact becomes operational, spent nuclear fuel and high-level waste will be shipped through corridor states such as Utah. More than 90 percent of the shipments will traverse the state of Utah en route to Yucca Mountain. Thus, an enormous resource burden will be thrust upon Utah public safety and emergency response agencies.

Notwithstanding the Congressional requirement in the NWPA that the generators and owners of the spent fuel should bear the costs of disposal, the proposed 180(c) policy statement only plans to provide technical assistance and funds to states to train public safety officials along shipping routes. I strongly urge you to timely resolve how the DOE will fully fund all operational needs of the states and local entities to assist in the safe and secure shipments of spent fuel and high-level waste.

Sincerely,

Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.  
Governor

- cc: The Honorable Orin Hatch, U.S. Senate
- The Honorable Robert Bennett, U.S. Senate
- The Honorable Rob Bishop, U.S. House of Representatives
- The Honorable Chris Cannon, U.S. House of Representatives
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