

Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future

c/o U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20585

December 20, 2010

Charles Utley
Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
3417 Sutton Place
Augusta, Georgia 30906

Dear Reverend Utley:

At the direction of the President, the Secretary of Energy has formed the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future to conduct a comprehensive review of policies for managing the back end of the nuclear fuel cycle – including used nuclear fuel and high-level wastes – and recommend a new plan. The Commission charter and membership are enclosed for your information.

The Commission is investigating a wide range of issues and will hear from a diverse set of experts as it conducts its work. The Commission's next meeting will be held in the vicinity of the Savannah River Site, where we will conduct a site tour and hold a public hearing. Accordingly, we invite you or your representative to appear before the Commission on the morning of January 7th to present your organizations' views on the issues before the Commission.

The purpose of the January 7th meeting is to hear a diverse set of perspectives from the states and the communities with an active interest in the Savannah River Site. We believe that states and communities with such a large stake in managing the back end of the nuclear fuel cycle must be consulted as the Commission conducts its work. Our visit to the Savannah River Site and the city of Augusta, GA will also give the Commission an opportunity to see first-hand a variety of facilities involved in the treatment, packaging and storage of used fuel and high-level nuclear wastes.

The meeting will be held at the Augusta Marriott Hotel and Suites, Two Tenth Street, in Augusta, GA . The meeting will begin at 8:15 and you are scheduled to make remarks at approximately 10:50 am. We ask that you keep your oral presentation to ten minutes or less to allow sufficient time for questions from the Commission members. If desired, we welcome you to submit a more lengthy statement and supporting materials in writing. Please submit a one-page summary of the key points of your presentation and any supporting materials that you would like to be made available to the Commissioners in advance of the meeting to brc@nuclear.energy.gov by December 30th.

Please contact John Kotek, the Commission staff director, at 202-460-2308 if you have any questions or need additional information regarding this invitation.

With best regards,

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Lee Hamilton

Co-Chairman

Brent Scowcroft

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