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Dear Mr. Garrish:

On behalf of the four state regional groups, we are pleased to present the enclosed "Principles of Agreement Among States on Expectations Regarding Preparations for OCRWM Shipments." These principles, unanimously endorsed by all four regions, identify the states' expectations for a fully functioning transportation program for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. We believe these principles should serve as policy guidelines for the OCRWM transportation program, including DOE's policy recommendations for the *Federal Register* notice on the implementation of Section 180(c).

Our intent is to share these fundamental, overarching expectations with all levels of DOE management involved with this project. We look forward to continuing to work with you through the state regional groups, the Transportation External Coordination Working Group, and other forums to develop the OCRWM transportation program.

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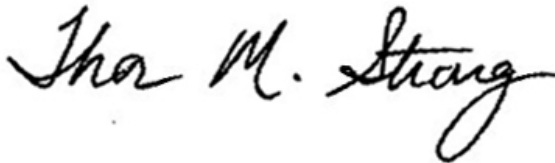
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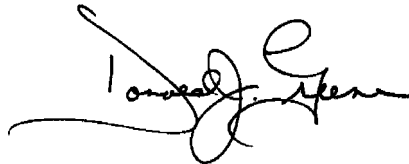
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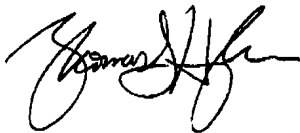
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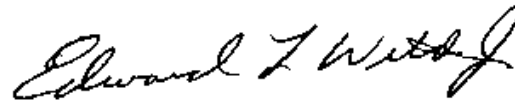
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