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Statement by Attorney General Henry McMaster Regarding Yucca Mountain

Columbia, S.C. – South Carolina Attorney General Henry McMaster today issued the following statement:

“South Carolina has a vested interest in insuring that the Yucca Mountain licensing proceedings continue, so that the spent fuel and other nuclear material now being temporarily stored in our state will be safely placed in the Yucca Mountain repository, as intended by the United States Congress.

Following a review of South Carolina’s legal options, this office will file a Petition to Intervene with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this week, and will take additional legal action in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.”

After President Obama’s announcement to terminate plans for nuclear waste storage at the Yucca Mountain facility in Nevada, Attorney General McMaster’s office immediately began researching what legal avenues and remedies are available to South Carolina. This included consultation and collaborative discussions with attorneys general in similarly situated states, utility executives, nuclear industry legal experts, former DOE officials, and state and local officials from the Aiken – Savannah River Plant community.

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