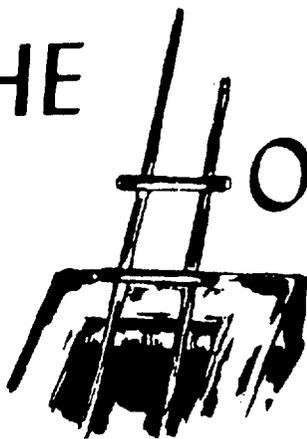


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ATTN: RULEMAKINGS AND ADJUDICATIONS STAFF

Dear Madam Secretary:

I am writing on behalf of the Hopi Tribe to provide comments on the proposed amendment to regulations that would require the NRC to notify Tribes of the shipment of certain types of high-level nuclear wastes across Tribal lands. The Hopi Tribe owns ranches along the I-40 corridor in northern Arizona. The Tribe expects that shipments of high-level nuclear waste would be made either along the I-40 corridor or along the Santa Fe rail line that parallels I-40.

1. The Tribe would like to be notified in advance of any such shipments across northern Arizona. The contact for the Tribe will be the Hopi Environmental Protection Office, phone: (520) 734-3635; FAX (520) 734-3609; mailing address: P.O. Box 123, Kykotsmovi, Arizona 86039-0123
2. The Tribe has state of the art GIS capabilities and can provide the NRC with detailed maps of Tribal properties.
3. The Tribe is prepared to receive Safeguards Information form the NRC and is willing to take the appropriate security measures to protect such sensitive information.

Please consider these comments in your rulemaking and notify the Hopi Environmental Protection Office when the amendment to the regulations is published in the Federal Register. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Wayne Taylor, Jr.
Chairman

cc: HEPO
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