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Attention: Rulemakings and Adjustments Staff

On December 21, 1999 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) posted a notice in the Federal Register (Volume 64, Number 244, pages 71331-71333) requesting comments on the NRC's intention to amend its regulations to require licensees to notify Native American Tribes in advance of certain shipments of high level radioactive waste, including spent fuel.

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, a Federally Recognized Tribe located in southwestern Michigan, fully supports this NRC amendment which would require the advance notification to Native American Tribes that high level nuclear waste and/or spent fuel shipments would be going through their territory. The Nottawaseppi Huron band of Potawatomi is glad to see that the NRC is recognizing Tribal Sovereignty and willing to be in compliance with President Clinton's 1994 memorandum entitled, "Government-to-Government Relations with Native American Tribal Governments." The tribe feels that this NRC amendment will not only strengthen Tribal Sovereignty but will also allow the Tribe a better opportunity to protect its environment and people.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments.

Respectfully,

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Acting Tribal Chairperson

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