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June 30, 2000

Mark S. Delligatti
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop O-13D13
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

RE: Proposed Private Fuel Storage Facility at Skull Valley Band and Goshute Indian
Reservation

Dear Mr. Delligatti:

In response to your letter of June 16, 2000, we concur with your "no effect" determination for threatened and endangered species and critical habitat. Should project plans change, or if additional information on the distribution of listed or proposed species becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered.

Only a Federal agency can enter into formal Endangered Species Act section 7 consultation with the Service. A Federal agency may designate a non-Federal representative to conduct informal consultation or prepare a biological assessment by giving written notice to the Service of such a designation. The ultimate responsibility for compliance with ESA section 7, however, remains with the Federal agency.

We appreciate your interest in conserving endangered species. If further assistance is needed or you have any questions, please contact Larry England, at (801) 524-5001 extension 138.

Sincerely,

Reed E. Harris
Utah Field Supervisor

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