

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20655-0001** 

April 30, 1998

The Honorable Leon Bear, Chairman Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians 2480 South Main, No. 110 Salt Lake City, UT 84115

SUBJECT:

TOUR AND FOLLOW-UP VISITS TO SKULL VALLEY

## Dear Chairman Bear:

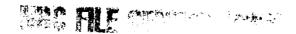
I am writing to request the permission of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians for the group listed below to visit your reservation to tour the site of the proposed Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C. (PFS) independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) and to allow our support contractors from Oak Ridge National Laboratories (ORNL) to gather some preliminary information for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which the staff must prepare as part of the licensing process. In addition to staff from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and ORNL, staff from the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA), which is assisting in the safety review of the PFS license application, would also be on the tour. The CNWRA is NRC's federally funded research and development center. The tour is planned for June 2, 1998.

We also request permission to allow two members of the ORNL staff (accompanied by one or two members of the NRC staff) to perform limited observations of the proposed ISFSI site and surrounding area on the morning of June 3, 1998, for the purpose of gathering geological information and information regarding local plant and animal life for input into the EIS. A list of specific activities which we request permission to conduct on June 3, 1998 (and the names of the participants) will be provided to you within the next 2 weeks.

Individuals attending the initial tour on June 2, 1998, include:

NRC Staff	ORNL Staff	CNWRA Staff
Charles Haughney Eric Leeds Mark Delligatti Sue Gagner Catherine Marco Edward Shum Sherwin Turk	Clay Easterly Richard Lee Lance McCold Marti Salk Susan Schexnayder James Van Dyke Murray Wade	Asadul Chowdhury Darius Daruwalla Laura Deere Michael Miklas Daniel Pomerening

We intend the tour and the subsequent observations to be minimally intrusive to the members of the Skull Valley Band. We hope to travel in either a small bus or two vans. While our complete itinerary is still under development, we anticipate reaching the reservation by 12:00 noon and remaining no more than 1 hour.



If you need additional information from the NRC staff, please contact Mr. Mark Delligatti, the Senior Project Manager assigned to the review of the PFS application. Mr. Delligatti can be reached at (301) 415-8518.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY /s/

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