

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

SUBJECT:

REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR A SITE VISIT

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 on October 14, 1998. The purpose of the visit is to perform some needed observations of the site of the proposed Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C. (PFS) independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI). This visit would assist U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) support contractors from the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA) and Oak Ridge National Laboratories (ORNL), in their preparation (respectively) of information regarding the safety evaluation of the PFS application and the Environmental Impact Statement which staff must prepare as part of the licensing process.

Site visit participants will include:

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We intend that the observations will be minimally intrusive to the members of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians. As was the case with our October site visit and tour, the participants cannot engage in any substantive discussions with any party to the ongoing Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel proceedings. Travel will be via four-wheel drive vehicles to allow for access to all parts of the site of the proposed ISFSI, and identified transportation corridors. A list of proposed activities is enclosed.

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If you need additional information, 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:

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Enclosure: As stated

cc: PFS Service List

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PROPOSED SITE VISIT ACTIVITIES

OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABS:

- 1. Thorough examination of the two proposed on-site locations for the ISFSI.
- 2. View existing drainages to determine how construction (in its protracted and sequential way) would handle surface water.
- 3. Search for evidence of surface displacement from faulting.
- 4. View the Skull Valley Village (residential area).
- 5. Visit the site connection to the proposed route and alternate (if any) for the rail spur.

CENTER FOR NUCLEAR WASTE REGULATORY ANALYSES:

- 1. Examination of actual site location, especially along the lines of the three site-scale seismic profiles, and site topography.
- 2. View exposures of the Stansbury fault zone on the eastern edge of the Reservation.
- 3. View exposures of the valley scarps (faults?) 1 to 2 miles southeast of the site (between site and Hickman Knolls).
- 4. View locations, as pointed out in the hydrology related contentions, that could result in delineation of a smaller catchment area (Only Partially on Reservation).
- 5. View surface water bodies in and around the site that are part of site watershed (Only Partially on Reservation).

Private Fuel Storage

CC:

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