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**UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

February 4, 1999

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 IN FEBRUARY 1999**

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 February 24, 1999. The purpose of the visit is to enable members of my staff, and the staffs of the two national laboratories assisting my staff in completing the development of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), an opportunity to visit the site of the proposed Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C. (PFS) independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI). Site visit participants will include:

Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission  
Participants

Oak Ridge  
National Laboratory  
Participant

Pacific Northwest  
National Laboratories  
Participants

Mr. Francis I. Young  
Mr. Scott Flanders  
Mr. Sherwin Turk

Mr. Gregory Zimmerman

Mr. Paul R. Nickens  
Mr. Michael J. Scott

In addition, while in Utah, my staff will be meeting with representatives of the United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM) which is a cooperating federal agency in the development of the EIS. Mr. Greg Thayn of BLM's Utah office may accompany my staff on the site visit.

We intend the visit to be minimally intrusive to the members of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians. As was the case with our previous visits, the participants cannot engage in any substantive discussions with any party to the ongoing Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel proceedings. For your information, my staff will travel via four-wheel drive vehicles to allow for access to all parts of the site of the proposed ISFSI. If you can provide an escort and weather permits, my staff would like to drive onto the site for observations. If you cannot provide an escort or if weather conditions would not allow us to travel onto the site, the group would want to stop along Skull Valley Road to view the site and any pertinent features or structures in the area. In addition, we would anticipate stopping at the Pony Express Convenience Store located on the Reservation. It would also be useful if the group could view, from their vehicles, the village. This will be useful to those who will be writing the portions of the EIS which relate to the socio-economic impacts of siting the facility on the reservation.

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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 /s/ by

E. William Brach, Director  
Spent Fuel Project Office  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
and Safeguards

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