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Dear Dr. McManamon:

This responds to your letter of November 6, 2000, requesting completion of the questionnaire on Fiscal Year 2000 activities by March 31, 2001. Following the guidelines as set forth in the instructions for the questionnaire, we have reviewed only Sections A through H. We have no data to report with regard to "LOOT" records. Enclosed you will find the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) completed questionnaire and supplemental narrative responses.

The NRC does not have Federal land management responsibilities and, therefore, does not directly engage in maintaining or restoring archeological or historic properties that may be identified during the environmental review process for issuing permits or licenses. However, NRC licensees are required to take the mitigative measures necessary to protect such properties. As a regulatory agency, NRC does not incur any direct costs associated with the protection or enhancement of archeological and historic resources.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rosetta Virgilio of my staff at (301) 415-2307 or e-mail: [ROV@NRC.GOV](mailto:ROV@NRC.GOV).

Sincerely,

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## **D.7 Narrative Responses to the Secretary of Interior's 2000 Report to Congress**

### **D1: Saxton Nuclear Experimental Corporation (SNEC)- Bedford County, Pennsylvania**

GPU Nuclear, the licensee for the Saxton Nuclear Experimental Corporation (SNEC) Facility, consulted with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (the State Historic Preservation Office) on the issue of historic and archaeological resources. By letter dated August 11, 2000, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission informed GPU Nuclear that no evaluation of historic structures was necessary for this project area; however, a Phase I archaeological survey of the project would be required.

### **D1-D4: Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation - Skull Band of Goshute Indians Reservation**

The NRC is currently reviewing an application to construct and operate an independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI). The applicant, Private Fuel Storage, LLC (PFS), proposes to construct and operate the ISFSI on the reservation of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians, which is bordered on all sides by Tooele County, Utah. The proposed Private Fuel Storage Facility (PFSF) would be constructed on an 820-acre site in the northwest corner of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indian Reservation. To transport the spent nuclear fuel to the PFSF, the project would also require construction of an intermodal transfer facility on land managed by the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or the construction of a 32-mile rail line on the western side of Skull Valley, near the cedar mountains. The rail line would also be constructed on land managed by BLM.

The NRC is the lead agency in the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed PFS project and the lead agency in the Section 106 consultation required by the National Historic Preservation Act. A draft EIS was issued in June 2000. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Surface Transportation Board, and BLM are all cooperating agencies on the EIS and in the Section 106 consultation process. The cooperating agencies continue to consult with several involved parties as a part of the Section 106 consultation process.

As part of the NEPA review and the Section 106 process, PFS completed a Class I overview and a Class III cultural resource inventory of the proposed site, the 32-mile route proposed for the rail line, and the area proposed for the intermodal transfer facility. Twelve sites were identified within the Area of Potential Effect and cultural resources located within the APE were documented, including a recommendation with regard to each site's eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

### **D.6: Trojan Nuclear Power Plant - Portland, Oregon**

The Portland General Electric Company, the licensee for the decommissioning of the Trojan Nuclear Plant (TNP), maintains a program to protect an archeologically significant site (35CO1) on its property. During a review of the Trojan Nuclear Plant License Termination Plan, the NRC contacted the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office to identify archeological sites that could be affected by the license termination plan. The State Historic Preservation Office noted that Site 35CO1 was on Trojan property. In a response to a Request for Additional Information concerning this archeological site, the licensee stated that decommissioning

activities continue to have no significant adverse effects on Archeological Site 35CO1. This conclusion was previously documented in "TNP Supplement to Applicant's Environmental Report - Post Operating License Stage," and remains valid.

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ANSWER SHEET: Questionnaire on Fiscal Year 1999 Activities

<b>Quantitative Data</b>	F1 <u>0</u>	J4 _____	L10 _____
B1 <u>NA</u>	F2 <u>NA</u>	J5 _____	L11 _____
B2 <u>\$ NA</u>	G1 <u>No change</u>	K1 _____	L12 _____
B3 <u>NA</u>	H1 <u>NA</u>	K2 _____	L13 _____
B4 <u>\$ NA</u>	H2 <u>NA</u> %	K3 _____	L14 \$ _____
C1 <u>NA</u>	H3 <u>NA</u>	L1 _____	L15 \$ _____
D1 <u>2</u>	H4 <u>NA</u>	L2 _____	L16 \$ _____
D2 <u>1</u>	H5 <u>NA</u>	L3 _____	L17 \$ _____
D3 <u>3329</u>	I1 <u>\$ 0</u>	L4 _____	L18 \$ _____
D4 <u>12</u>	I2 <u>\$ 0</u>	L5 _____	L19 \$ _____
D5 <u>0</u>	Land-managing agencies only, Sections J-L	L6 _____	
D6 <u>1</u>		L7 _____	
E1 <u>0</u>	J1 _____	L8 _____	
E2 <u>0</u>	J2 _____	L9 _____	
	J3 _____		

***Attached Material***

**Narrative Responses  
(check if present):**

A1

B5

B6

D7

E3

F3

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H7

H8

I3

J6

K4

L20

L21

LOOT form(s)  
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