

July 18, 2001

The Honorable Curtis Anderson
Tribal Chairperson
Las Vegas Paiute Colony
#1 Paiute Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89106

Subject: Invitation for a Discussion between Potentially Impacted Native American Tribes and the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on a Possible High-Level Radioactive Waste Repository at Yucca Mountain

Dear Chairperson Anderson:

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Sincerely,

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Martin J. Virgilio, Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

cc: Lila Carter

July 18, 2001

The Honorable Richard Arnold
Tribal Chairperson
Pahrump Paiute Tribe
P.O. Box 3411
Pahrump, NV 89041

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cc: Clara Belle Jim
Cynthia V. Lynch

July 18, 2001

The Honorable Rose Marie Bahe
Tribal Chairperson
Benton Paiute Indian Tribe
Route 4, Box 56A
Benton, CA 93512

Subject: Invitation for a Discussion between Potentially Impacted Native American Tribes and the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on a Possible High-Level Radioactive Waste Repository at Yucca Mountain

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cc: Michelle Salulque
Darryl Bahe

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The Honorable Monty Bengochia
Tribal Chairperson
Bishop Paiute Indian Tribe
50 Tusu Lane
Bishop, CA 93514

Subject: Invitation for a Discussion between Potentially Impacted Native American Tribes and the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on a Possible High-Level Radioactive Waste Repository at Yucca Mountain

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cc: Lee Chavez
Gaylene Moose

July 18, 2001

The Honorable James Birchim
Tribal Chairperson
Yomba Shoshone Tribe
HC 61, Box 6275
Austin, NV 89310

Subject: Invitation for a Discussion between Potentially Impacted Native American Tribes and the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on a Possible High-Level Radioactive Waste Repository at Yucca Mountain

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cc: Maurice Frank-Churchill

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The Honorable Henry Blackeye, Jr.
Tribal Chairperson
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
P.O. Box 140068
Duckwater, NV 89314

Subject: Invitation for a Discussion between Potentially Impacted Native American Tribes and the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on a Possible High-Level Radioactive Waste Repository at Yucca Mountain

Dear Chairperson Blackeye:

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The Honorable Carmen Bradley
Tribal Chairperson
Kaibab Band of Southern Paiutes
HC 65, Box 2
Pipe Springs, AZ 86022

Subject: Invitation for a Discussion between Potentially Impacted Native American Tribes and the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on a Possible High-Level Radioactive Waste Repository at Yucca Mountain

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cc: Vivienne-Caron Jake
Gevene E. Savala

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The Honorable Daniel Eddy, Jr.
Tribal Chairperson
Colorado River Indian Tribes
Route 1, Box 23B
Parker, AZ 85344

Subject: Invitation for a Discussion between Potentially Impacted Native American Tribes and the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on a Possible High-Level Radioactive Waste Repository at Yucca Mountain

Dear Chairperson Eddy:

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cc: Betty L. Cornelius
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The Honorable Pauline Esteves
Tribal Chairperson
Timbisha Shoshone Tribe
P.O. Box 206
Death Valley, CA 92328

Subject: Invitation for a Discussion between Potentially Impacted Native American Tribes and the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on a Possible High-Level Radioactive Waste Repository at Yucca Mountain

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cc: Grace Goad

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The Honorable Rachel Joseph
Tribal Chairperson
Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe
P.O. Box 747
Lone Pine, CA 93545

Subject: Invitation for a Discussion between Potentially Impacted Native American Tribes and the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on a Possible High-Level Radioactive Waste Repository at Yucca Mountain

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cc: Mel Joseph

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The Honorable Jesse Leeds
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Las Vegas Indian Center
2300 W. Bonanza Road
Las Vegas, NV 89106

Subject: Invitation for a Discussion between Potentially Impacted Native American Tribes and the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on a Possible High-Level Radioactive Waste Repository at Yucca Mountain

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Sincerely,

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Martin J. Virgilio, Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

July 18, 2001

The Honorable Vernon Miller
Tribal Chairperson
Fort Independence Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 67
Independence, CA 93526

Subject: Invitation for a Discussion between Potentially Impacted Native American Tribes and the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on a Possible High-Level Radioactive Waste Repository at Yucca Mountain

Dear Chairperson Miller:

The staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is interested in understanding the views and concerns of Native American Tribes potentially impacted by the siting of a potential High-Level Radioactive Waste repository at Yucca Mountain. The NRC is an independent agency within the U.S. Federal Government responsible for protecting public health and safety through its licensing and regulatory oversight of repository activities of the U.S. Department of Energy at Yucca Mountain.

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The Honorable V. Miller

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

cc: Eleanor Hemphill

July 18, 2001

The Honorable Edward (Tito) Smith
Tribal Chairperson
Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 1976
Havasu Lake, CA 92363

Subject: Invitation for a Discussion between Potentially Impacted Native American Tribes and the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on a Possible High-Level Radioactive Waste Repository at Yucca Mountain

Dear Chairperson Smith:

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cc: David Chavez
Darryl King

July 18, 2001

The Honorable Alfred Stanton
Tribal Chairperson
Ely Shoshone Tribe
16 Shoshone Circle
Ely, NV 89301

Subject: Invitation for a Discussion between Potentially Impacted Native American Tribes and the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on a Possible High-Level Radioactive Waste Repository at Yucca Mountain

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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cc: Jerry Charles

July 18, 2001

The Honorable Eugene Tom
Tribal Chairperson
Moapa Paiute Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 340
Moapa, NV 89025

Subject: Invitation for a Discussion between Potentially Impacted Native American Tribes and the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on a Possible High-Level Radioactive Waste Repository at Yucca Mountain

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cc: Calvin Meyers
Lalovi Miller

July 18, 2001

The Honorable Lora Tom
Tribal Chairperson
Paiute Indian Tribes of Utah
440 North Paiute Drive
Cedar City, UT 84720

Subject: Invitation for a Discussion between Potentially Impacted Native American Tribes and the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on a Possible High-Level Radioactive Waste Repository at Yucca Mountain

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cc: Gloria Benson
Gerald Kanosh

July 18, 2001

The Honorable Patricia Vance
Acting Tribal Chairperson
Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley
P.O. Box 700
Big Pine , CA 93513

Subject: Invitation for a Discussion between Potentially Impacted Native American Tribes and the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on a Possible High-Level Radioactive Waste Repository at Yucca Mountain

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cc: Bertha Moose
Marian Zucco

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