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Subject: ISF Briefing to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes - August 13, 2003

Matt,

Confirming my voice message to you last week, DOE and FWENC provided an ISF Project briefing to the Shoshone - Bannock Tribes on August 13th at the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. The briefing was led by DOE-ID (Jan Hagers) and the summary description of the scope and preliminary conclusions of the DEIS was presented by FWENC (Dan Howard).

The briefing lasted a little more than an hour and went well. The tribal representatives seemed interested and asked a number of questions during the presentations. Relative to the ISF Facility, the principal questions dealt with the long term plans for the facility (i.e., decommissioning). Dan Howard explained that a conceptual decommissioning plan had been a part of the ISF license application and Jan Hagers noted that DOE retained financial responsibility for the eventual decommissioning.

We left them a copy of the DEIS (hardcopy) as well as a couple of CDs that we had burned with the pdf file from the NRC web site. Attached for your information and use are the DEIS briefing slides as well a copy of the attendance sheet.

Please let me or Jan know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Jim

(See attached file: Draft ISF EIS Presentation for Nat Amer 8-8-03.ppt)
(See attached file: Fort Hall Business Council_Attendance List_081303.doc)

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NRC Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Idaho Spent Fuel Facility

Draft Report
for Public Comment
(NUREG-1773)



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Public Involvement

- Previous Scoping Process
 - Notice of Intent published in Federal Register, NRC web page, *Post Register* (Idaho Falls) and the *Idaho Statesman* (Boise) newspapers
 - Early comments received used to help establish areas for review
- This Report (NUREG-1773)
 - Public comment period open through August 18, 2003



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Regulations

Sections of the Draft EIS that may be of special interest to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

- Discussion of Federal Statutes and Regulatory Requirements beginning on Page 1-8
- Description of the Affected Environment, particularly Section 3.9 Cultural, Historical, Ethnographical and Paleontological Resources beginning on Page 3-60, and Section 3.12 Environmental Justice beginning on Page 3-73
- Predicted Environmental Impacts to Cultural, Historical, Ethnographical and Paleontological Resources beginning on Page 4-11, and Environmental Justice beginning on Page 4-14



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Issues Evaluated in Report

- Land Use
- Transportation
- Geology and Soils
- Water Quality
- Water Use
- Ecology
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Historical, Cultural, and Paleontological Resources
- Visual/Scenic Resources
- Socioeconomic
- Environmental Justice
- Public and Occupational Health and Safety
- Waste Management

For every issue evaluated, the impact was determined to be "small" (Source - Draft EIS Summary Table 2-1)



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General Basis for Impacts

- There were numerous factors used for determining the impacts of each issue evaluated
- Some common themes in these impacts were:
 - Already disturbed land, which has been subject to several previous studies
 - Two story building with unobtrusive profile
 - Immediately adjacent to the INTEC complex
 - No operations with significant emissions
 - Long distance from public
 - Small number of employees compared to INEEL employment



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Cost-Benefit Analysis

- The NRC is required to include a cost-benefit analysis in EIS preparation
- This report acknowledges that the waste must be addressed at some time
- In comparing the current alternative with the no-action alternative (which would still require some action in the future) the savings would be a minimum of approximately \$251 Million (2001 dollars)



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Preliminary Conclusion

The NRC preliminary NEPA recommendation is to issue the proposed license to FWENC, unless safety issues mandate otherwise

- Small-to-negligible impacts on environment and local communities
- Proposed action is designed to support INEEL mission, including 1995 Settlement Agreement



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Preliminary Conclusion (cont'd)

- Most SNF to be received at ISF is already stored at INTEC and transfer distances are short
- Current fuel storage configuration (at INTEC) does not align with current (draft) acceptance criteria at the national HLW repository



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Information Available On-line

- NRC website
 - <http://www.nrc.gov>
- Website address for NUREG-1773
 - <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1773/index.html>
- Information regarding the proposed ISF Facility and other licensing related documents can be found at
 - <http://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/Idaho-spent-fuel.html>



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