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Lando Zech, Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20555

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Periodically during the past couple of years, the Commission has been briefed by DOE Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management director Ben Rusche about the status of the high-level waste disposal program. We are writing to request that a representative of the Yakima Indian Nation be given the opportunity to address the Commissioners with our views on this subject when next such a briefing takes place. While we have not polled them on the subject, we feel certain that other affected Indian tribes, states, and citizens' organizations would also appreciate such an opportunity.

As you may be aware, the program is in a state of relative turmoil at this time. The Commission would not get an accurate reading on the state of the program if it were to continue to hear the perspective only of DOE, which remains unrealistically optimistic. At several times during the implementation of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, the Commission has found it valuable to hear the views of the other affected parties informally in the context of a public meeting. We feel that the Commission would do itself a disservice were it to fail to solicit those other views now.

We urge you to act favorably on this request, and solicit the views of affected parties other than DOE when next you are briefed on the status of the nuclear waste disposal program.

Sincerely yours,

YAKIMA INDIAN NATION

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Melvin R. Sampson, Chairman  
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BWIP UPCOMING EVENTS  
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Date	Event	'87 MAR 16 AIO:14	Location	Contact	CODE
<u>HQ Meetings</u>					
* March 10-12	Hydrology Meeting		Albuquerque	Anttonen	O
* March 11	Section 8.3.1.5 SCP review		HQ	Mecca	O
March 17-18	ACD Review		HQ	Nicoll	O
* March 19-20	Quarterly Review and Budget Meeting		Denver	Anttonen/Keating	O
TBD	Review of BWIP Systems Integration Activities		Richland	Petrie	O
<u>Coordinating Group Meetings</u>					
March 9-13	ISCG		Albuquerque	Powell/Whitfield	O
April 28-29	Transportation Coordination Group		Salt Lake City	Petrie	O
<u>State/Indian/Public Interaction</u>					
March 12	DOE Engineering-Construction Symposium		Richland	Squires	O
April 19-21	Western Regional Energy Conference		Richland	Dahlem	O
April 21-22	States/Indian Tribes Quarterly Mtg.		Albuquerque	Anttonen/Powell	O
<u>Internal Project Meetings</u>					
* March 10-12	BWIP LAR		Richland	Mecca/Krupar	O
April 15-16	BWIP Quarterly Update		Richland	Anttonen/Staff	O
<u>NRC Interactions</u>					
* TBD	Geology Data Review		Richland	Dahlem/Mecca	O
TBD	Repository Design (workshop)		Richland	Nicoll/Kovacs	O

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TBD	BWIP NRC meeting to discuss SCP Issues, Hierarchy, Resolution Strategy, Data Needs	HQ	Mecca/Dahlem	C
<u>International</u>				
* March 10	Visitors from FRG (Drs. Heinz, Wurtinger, Bogorinski, Baltes, and Grundler)	Richland	Squires	O
April 1987	IAEA Natural Analog Meeting	HQ	Dahlem	O