

MEMORANDUM

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To: Ragine Attla, Tribal Administrator
Peter M. Captain, Sr., Fist Chief

CC: Marvin Yoder, City Administrator
NRC-OSTP Lohaus, Smith, Virgilio

From: TygJules SkyWatcher, Environmental Director 

Subject: Review/Update of 9:00 a.m. Conference Call, 12/4/03, Nuclear
Regulatory Commission/Office of State and Tribal Programs -- Call
initiated by NRC in regard to an article that appeared in the Anchorage
Daily News 10/21/03 "Village invited to test cheap, clean nuclear power
GALENA: Small reactor promises much, but it's never been built"

Date: 4 December 2003

Participants: (LTC) Peter M. Captain, First Chief, Louden Tribal Council; Ragine Attla, Tribal Administrator and TygJules SkyWatcher, Environmental Director (NRC-OSTP) Paul Lohaus, Director, Office of State and Tribal Programs; Shawn Rochelle Smith, OSTP and Rosetta Virgilio, Senior Federal and State Liaison Program Manager, OSTP

NRC-OSTP Introductions and Background: Director Lohaus indicated he had spoken last week with NRC's State Liaison Officer (Douglas Dasher) and the State Radiation Control Program Officer (Clyde Pearce), both in Anchorage, regarding the article.

Overview of 10/21 article of which Peter M. Captain, Sr., First Chief indicated that there is an exploration of alternative energy sources for this village due to the high costs of diesel, (\$2.63 service provider/\$3.20 at pump) heating oil (\$2.55) and gasoline (\$2.91/\$3.35). It takes over 700k gallons of fuel/yr at a cost in excess of \$1.7M to operate existing electrical generation plant. Peter M. Captain, Sr., First Chief, reiterated his statements cited in the article that (1) this is an exploratory situation, (2) a nuclear reactor energy plant wouldn't be welcome unless it's proven to be safe, and (3) that the tribe and the City of Galena wouldn't balk at turning down such a proposed "gift" from Toshiba.

Questions/ Answers from Paul Lohaus (NRC) , Peter M. Captain, Sr., Fist Chief and Ragine Attla (LTC)

NRC Was the tribe briefed?

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- LTC No. The City of Galena was. Marvin Yoder, the City Administrator, saw the Toshiba information on the Internet, contacted Toshiba, and Toshiba representatives returned the contact. No contact with Toshiba and Loudon.
- NRC What is TCC? Does it represent Athabascans? Does it represent Loudon?
- LTC Peter M. Captain, Sr., First Chief, referred the question to Ragine Attla, Tribal Administrator who explained that Loudon was a federally recognized tribe. She further indicated that Tanana Chiefs Conference, a non-profit corporation, is a consortium advocating for it's 43 member tribes as a political body put together by the tribes for the tribes. The tribes are the TCC Board of Directors.
- NRC And the Athabascans?
- LTC The Tribal Administrator continued with the explanation that "Athabascan" is a term for Natives, a general term kind of like "Caucasians." (NRC was appreciative of the explanations.)
- LTC Peter M. Captain, Sr., First Chief, asked "have you contacted the City (of Galena)?"
- NRC No. The tribe is the first contact on the local level. Director Lohaus reiterated last week's contact with the State Liaison Officer and the State Radiation Control Program Officer, but that this was the first contact made in the Village.
- LTC Peter M. Captain, Sr., First Chief, gave the name and phone number of Marvin Yoder, City Administrator (907) 656-1301 supporting the contact since it is the City of Galena that is initiating the exploration of a nuclear reactor as a power source.

Quick review and wind-down: NRC voiced appreciation of the information shared and explained that their mission was to ensure safety and oversight through requiring project reviews prior to approval. Further information on the process and functions of NRC may be gleaned at www.nrc.gov Peter M. Captain, Sr., First Chief, indicated while Loudon hasn't yet been contacted by Toshiba, he expected that their representatives "will more than likely invade our village and we will be contacted." He indicated that Loudon, like the NRC, is a "watchdog." He also reiterated that the tribe and city are in collaborative efforts, and have a long history of collaborating. There was an exchange of phone numbers and emails.

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