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SUBJECT: FEDERAL TRUST RESPONSIBILITY

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SUMMARY

The concept of a federal "trust responsibility" evolved from a series of Supreme Court cases involving the tribes vs. the US government. The tribes are basically sovereign nations but depend on the US government for protection and implementation of treaty obligations. The current relationship between the two governments is that of a "guardian/ward" and the ensuing "sense of trust" that this relationship should promote. The U.S. government holds tribal lands in trust for the tribes, which brings up the problem of how tribal land resources are used. How will the siting and operation of a High-level Nuclear Waste Repository affect these "trust" lands? Steps must be taken so that the trustee relationship is not breached. The U.S. govt. deals with the tribes on a political basis, and the tribes depend on Congress for their legal existence. The treaties of the mid 1800's are the base documents for this relationship,

ACTION REQUIRED

None

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and they are still being sustained today. The treaties basically outlined what the tribes gave up and what they gained.
Reagan's 1983 Indian policy basically expanded on Nixon's earlier policy in which tribes were allowed more control over their affairs. Kathy said that the individual tribes have maps showing the particular boundaries of their territories around Hanford.