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Dear Chairman Patawa:

We would be pleased to accept your invitation of June 8, 1984, to visit the Umatilla Indian Reservation and provide a basic briefing about the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) role and responsibilities for the disposal of high-level waste. As requested, we will also discuss provisions for participation in NRC activities by affected Indian Tribes, pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act and 10 CFR Part 60, NRC activities at the Basalt Waste Isolation Project, transportation and the establishment of an NRC library of documents pertaining to the site characterization and licensing process.

We will make the necessary arrangements for the briefing with your attorney, Catherine Wilson. We look forward to meeting with you on July 11, 1984 and hope this is the first step towards establishing a mutually productive relationship.

Sincerely,

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Robert E. Browning, Director
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