

August 19, 2005

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING  
THE PROPOSED HUMBOLDT BAY INDEPENDENT SPENT FUEL STORAGE  
INSTALLATION

Dear Ms. Atkins:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff currently is reviewing a license application submitted by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) on December 15, 2003, to construct and operate an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) on the site of the Humboldt Bay Power Plant (HBPP) in Humboldt County, California. By letter dated May 27, 2005, the NRC staff requested of the Wiyot Tribe information regarding cultural resources in the vicinity of the site for the proposed ISFSI.

By letter dated July 25, 2005, you requested additional information on the proposed project in order to more fully respond to the NRC staff's request. Attached to this letter please find the information you requested.

You also made several recommendations concerning (1) the conduct of a cultural and historical survey prior to any construction activities; (2) the use of a local cultural resources management consultant as part of the recommended survey; (3) the presence of a cultural monitor during earth-moving activities; and (4) the preparation and signing of a "Pre-Excavation Agreement" between PG&E and the Wiyot Tribe to "protect and appropriately treat any inadvertant discoveries of cultural resources during the implementation of the project."

A cultural resources survey of the HBPP site, including the proposed ISFSI site, was conducted by a contractor to PG&E in 1999. No cultural resources were identified as a result of that study. However, should any new cultural resources be located during the proposed project activities, PG&E has committed to stopping all work and notifying the PG&E archaeologist immediately. Any such cultural resources inadvertently discovered would be appropriately handled and treated.

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I ask that you please contact James Park of my staff upon receipt of this letter. Mr. Park can be reached at (301) 415-5835 or via email at [jrp@nrc.gov](mailto:jrp@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

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