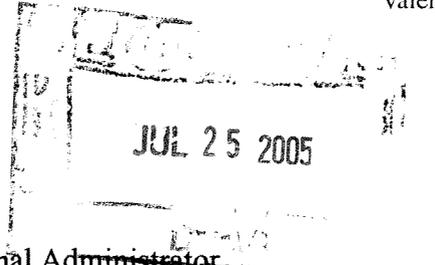




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July 14, 2005



Mr. Bruce S. Mallett, Regional Administrator
United States NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
Region IV
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SUBJECT: Reply to CONFIRMATORY ACTION LETTER 4-05-001

Dear Mr. Mallett:

Thank you for sending to the Eastern Shoshone Tribe and Northern Arapaho Tribe (Tribes) the Confirmatory Action Letter 4-05-001 and notifying us about the radiation problem that has been an on-going issue in the Wind River Environmental Quality Commission (WREQC) department for a number of years. My name is Kassel Weeks and I am a Councilperson for the Eastern Shoshone Tribe and I was, also, an employee with the Wind River Environmental Quality Commission (WREQC) during the last few years. We, as Tribal Councilpersons, are very concerned about the health of our people who are working at the WREQC building and for the workers who used to be employed at the WREQC office.

I have officially notified the Tribes in Joint Business Council sessions about this serious issue and they are very concerned. The Tribes (I will be the contact person for the Tribes), within the past months, been in the process of looking for a Certified Health Physicist to conduct an evaluation of possible radiation exposure to the employees of the WREQC department. With the advice of Mr. Richard Graham of the radiation department (1-303-312-7080) in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), I called Mr. Graig Little of MFGEN (1-970-260-2810) if he could do the evaluation(s). Mr. Little explained to me on the phone that he wanted to help but his schedule was full. However, Mr. Little did recommend another person who has the expertise in these kinds of evaluations. His name is Mr. Thomas B. Borak PhD., Certified Health Physicist, (1-970-491-6450) of Fort Collins, Colorado. His address is 2008 Yorktown Ave., and zip code is 80526. Mr. Borak has sent us a Proposal and I will need time to present this to the Tribes in August. However, since this is a very time sensitive issue I will try to schedule a "special" meeting with the Tribes' Joint Business Council as soon as possible.

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Kassel Weeks, C.A.L: 4-05-001

I have been well aware of possible radiation exposures in the WREQC building when I was employed as Emergency Coordinator for the Tribes. I did file a report with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission a few years ago. An inspection was done on the WRECQ building and what I understand is that this inspection was satisfactory.

This is a first-time experience I have had with trying to locate a Certified Health Physicist. Because of my unlearned knowledge to this kind of occupation, I was looking for information on how to proceed with this kind of event (radiation exposures) and Mr. Richard Graham in the EPA advised me to call Mr. Little and to ask for more information on this subject. Mr. Graham and Mr. Little have been a major source of valuable information for this evaluation.

This effort of finding a Certified Health Physicist took longer than I had anticipated, to gather all the information and to find a company or person that will do an extensive radiation exposure evaluation on the Tribal WREQC personnel. Because the effort took longer, I am requesting an extension for 90 days passed the July 31, 2005, dead line so that an extensive evaluation could be done thoroughly. I would appreciate your consideration on this very important matter. My office phone number is 1-307-332-3532. If you need more information on this matter, please do not hesitate to call me.

The Docket Number is 030-35134, and the License Number is 49-27636-01 for the Tribes.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kassel Weeks".

Mr. Kassel Weeks,
Eastern Shoshone Tribal Councilperson

Cc: Joint Business Council