



# **Tribal Participation in the High-Level Waste Repository Process**

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# Presentation Objectives

- *NRC's roles, responsibilities, policies, and outreach regarding Tribal Governments*
- *Regulatory framework of and participation in the Yucca Mountain proceeding*
- *Role of the Licensing Support Network (LSN)*



# Commission Roles and Responsibilities

- *Protection of public health and safety and the environment*
- *Function as independent regulatory agency*
- *Licensing, regulation, inspection and enforcement functions*
- *Adjudicatory function*
- *Communication*



# NRC's Native American Policies

- *Recognize the importance of government-to-government relationship with Tribal Governments*
- *Follow the intent and principles in Executive Orders and Executive Memoranda on Federal agency relationships with Tribal Governments*
- *Communicate through the Office of State and Tribal Programs*



# Goals for Tribal Communication

- *Provide clear, accurate, timely, and continuing information about Commission activities and decision-making processes*
- *Improve access to information*
- *Listen to, understand, and consider Tribal concerns*



# Regulatory Framework

- *Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982*
  - *Role of DOE, EPA, and NRC*
  - *Milestones for Yucca Mountain decisions*



# NRC's High-Level Waste Outreach

- *NRC high-level waste public participation program*
- *Specific workshops exclusively for Tribal Governments*



# Participation in the Yucca Mountain Proceeding

- *Hearings held before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Boards*
- *Participation as a party*
- *Participation as an interested governmental participant*
- *LSN provides access to Yucca Mountain information*





# Functions of the Licensing Support Network (LSN)

- *LSN primary mission -- support scientific and legal teams of the parties to the proceeding*
- *Responds to Congressional mandate for three-year decision*
- *Access to all parties' relevant documents*



# Purposes of the LSN

- *Provides documents in electronic format*
- *Furnishes search engine, not a database*
- *Points to participants' web servers*
- *Includes bibliographic headers, searchable full text, and some images*



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- *Located at [www.lsnnet.gov](http://www.lsnnet.gov)*
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  - *Training for librarians provided at conferences*
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