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of the Yakama Nation

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Subject: Initiation of Section 106 Consultation for the Proposed License Renewal Application for the AREVA NP, INC., Richland, Washington (License No. SNM-1227)

Mr. Suber,

This letter is being written in response to your letter written February 6, 2008, which my office received February 11, 2008 initiating consultation with the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation for the proposed license renewal application for the AREVA NP, INC., Richland, Washington.

This is a formal request for a hard copy of the document for review. I understand it is accessible within your ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room, however we are not the general public, we are a federally recognized tribe you are required to consult with. I would also like to point out that Section 106 review must be initiated early in planning and completed before a final decision is made, your February 22, 2008 date in which comments are to be received is an inadequate time frame to review such a document, considering a hard copy was not enclosed. When we receive a document initiating consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we have at least 30 days to comment from the date in which we receive the letter initiating consultation and the document, if more time is needed then we will request additional time.

For the purposes of commenting on the AREVA renewal application, you will need to send a hard copy of the AREVA license renewal application to the Tribal Historic Preservation Office at P.O. Box 151 Toppenish WA 98948. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact me at 509-865-5121 ext. 6230.

Sincerely,

Kate Valdez, THPO  
Yakama Nation

Cc: THPO Files

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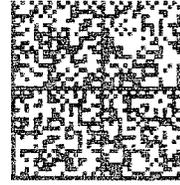
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