

July 31, 2012

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT  
CONSULTATION REQUEST FOR THE HYDRO RESOURCES, INC. SITE

Dear Ms. Bobroff:

I am responding to your letter of June 29, 2012, to former Chairman Jaczko. In your letter, you request a government to government consultation to discuss the Section 8 portion of the licensed Hydro Resources, Inc. (HRI) planned in-situ recovery (ISR) mill located near Church Rock, New Mexico. As you are aware, no construction or operation has taken place at this location since the issuance of Source Materials License SUA-1580 in January 1998 which is now in timely renewal. We are planning to conduct government-to-government consultations with the Navajo Nation to discuss this license renewal and will notify the Navajo Nation of any meetings with HRI on the subject as we have done in the past.

Prior to your letter, we were informed of the site access issues you noted and were further informed that discussions were on-going between HRI and the Navajo Nation. Due to these discussions with HRI regarding the noted site access issues, we did not schedule a visit or notify and invite your staff to attend and participate.

Subsequent to receiving your letter, Ron Linton, the NRC Project Manager for the HRI site, has been in contact with Mr. David Taylor of your staff to better understand what topics the Navajo Nation would like to discuss during the consultation and to schedule mutually acceptable dates for the government to government consultation session. It is our understanding that you would like to have the meeting as soon as possible. We will work with Navajo representatives to schedule the consultation and look forward to a productive meeting.

Sincerely,

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