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Mr. Kevin Hsueh, Chief
Environmental Review Branch
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Subject: Navajo Region's Response to Cooperating Agency Invitation Concerning
Environmental Assessment for Hydro Resources, Inc.'s License Renewal Request
for the Crownpoint Uranium Project, McKinley County, New Mexico
(BIA EIS-92-001)

Dear Mr. Hsueh:

This letter is a response to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's request to have the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Region, participate as a Cooperating Agency in the development of an environmental assessment for the Hydro Resources, Inc.'s license renewal. Since the Navajo Region did participate in the Environmental Impact Statement and activities include leasing action on Navajo Indian allotments for Unit 1, the Navajo Region will continue to participate as a Cooperating Agency. Further, we would highly recommend that the U.S. NRC consider inviting the Navajo Nation as a Cooperating Agency.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Harrilene Yazzie, Regional NEPA Coordinator, at (505) 863-8287.

Sincerely,

Regional Director, Navajo