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**To:** [Bjornsen, Alan](#)  
**Cc:** [Hickman\(NMSS\), John](#)  
**Subject:** [External\_Sender] RE: Updated Zion Letters on Historic Preservation or Archeological Sites  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 15, 2015 3:31:20 PM  
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Alan,

Attached are 2 recent letters we received from the State of Illinois to support our construction permits for the railroad spurs and the ISFSI and the demolition of the Service Building. This gives you a 40 year time span that nothing has changed at the site. Part of this approval process includes a review of a database of known Native American sites and Pre-settlements.

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**From:** Gerard P. Van Noordennen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 15, 2015 10:07 AM  
**To:** 'Bjornsen, Alan'  
**Cc:** Hickman, John (John.Hickman@nrc.gov)  
**Subject:** RE: Zion LTP

Alan,

All I found in the Zion FES was the following statement (attached) and 2 letters from the Historic Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and from the Illinois Department of Conservation (attached). It does not look like American Indian tribes were ever contacted when the plant was constructed based on the feedback from the Federal and State agencies that the site has no historical significance. Since there are no Native American tribes in Illinois or nearby in Wisconsin, there is no one to contact. If you want us to contact a Native American tribe, we would need your advice on what to do.

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**From:** Bjornsen, Alan [<mailto:Alan.Bjornsen@nrc.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 15, 2015 8:45 AM  
**To:** Gerard P. Van Noordennen  
**Subject:** FW: Zion LTP

Good morning, Gerard.

I have returned from my 3-month rotation at another office at the NRC, and am once again, looking at the ZNPS LTP. As you can see from John's e-mail below, there are no Federally-recognized Native American tribes physically located in IL, and only two in WI. However, drawing from past experience, a tribe does not need to be physically present to have an interest, or ties, in a particular site. A tribe could have historic/ancestral ties to a site, and to the area surrounding that site. Are you aware if one of your consultants ever researched whether there are tribes with such ancestral ties to the area the ZNPS? The original EIS for the facility may contain such information. Also, was there a Section 106 (NHPA) process/consultation conducted?

Thank you,

*Alan B. Bjornsen*

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**From:** Hickman(NMSS), John  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2015 2:43 PM  
**To:** Bjornsen, Alan  
**Subject:** RE: Zion LTP

Alan,

According to the licensee there are no Federally recognized Indian Tribes in Illinois. In Wisconsin there are 11 tribes with land holdings throughout the state. The 2 closest tribes (Ho Chunk and Oneida) are approximately 170 miles north of Zion in Wisconsin. The licensee has not contacted any native American tribes with respect to the LTP.

John

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**From:** Bjornsen, Alan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2015 9:51 AM  
**To:** Hickman(NMSS), John  
**Cc:** Jamerson, Kellee  
**Subject:** RE: Zion LTP

John,

Looking at Fri, Jul 31.

Any word from Zion on what, if any, tribes were contacted?

Thanks,  
Alan

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**From:** Hickman(NMSS), John  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2015 9:31 AM  
**To:** Clements, John; Parks, Leah; Pinkston, Karen; Bjornsen, Alan; Yilma, Haimanot; Meyer, Matthew; Dusaniwskyj, Michael  
**Subject:** Zion LTP

All,

In my early tentative review schedule I had scheduled RAIs for July. Please give me an update on your review of the Zion LTP, if you expect to have RAIs, and when you expect to provide them to me.

Thanks,  
John