



Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office

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RE: NRC U.S. Army Request for an Amendment and Exemption to its License for Possession of Depleted Uranium at Jefferson Proving Ground (Docket Number: 40-8838) in the Depleted Uranium Impact Area in Jefferson County, Indiana

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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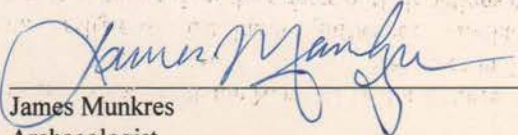
Dear Ms. Pineda,

The Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office has received notification and accompanying information for the proposed project listed as NRC U.S. Army Request for an Amendment and Exemption to its License for Possession of Depleted Uranium at Jefferson Proving Ground (Docket Number: 40-8838) in the Depleted Uranium Impact Area in Jefferson County, Indiana. **The Osage Nation requests a copy of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for review and comment.**

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, (NHPA) [54 U.S.C. § 300101 et seq.] 1966, undertakings subject to the review process are referred to in 54 U.S.C. § 302706 (a), which clarifies that historic properties may have religious and cultural significance to Indian tribes. Additionally, Section 106 of NHPA requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties (36 CFR Part 800) as does the National Environmental Policy Act (43 U.S.C. 4321 and 4331-35 and 40 CFR 1501.7(a) of 1969).

The Osage Nation has a vital interest in protecting its historic and ancestral cultural resources. **The Osage Nation anticipates reviewing and commenting on the Draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed NRC U.S. Army Request for an Amendment and Exemption to its License for Possession of Depleted Uranium at Jefferson Proving Ground (Docket Number: 40-8838) in the Depleted Uranium Impact Area in Jefferson County, Indiana.**

Should you have any questions or need any additional information please feel free to contact me at the number listed below. Thank you for consulting with the Osage Nation on this matter.


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