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Mr. White,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with the Oglala Sioux Tribe and its Advisory Council to discuss a methodology for the planned field survey to be carried out June 11-22 and September 3-14, 2018.

At the request of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, the NRC staff met with the Oglala Sioux Tribe at the THPO's Offices on Monday, June 11, to further discuss a methodology for the June field survey efforts. On Tuesday evening, the staff received a cultural resources survey proposal from the Oglala Sioux Tribe, which specified that it could not be shared or discussed with any NRC or SC&A employees except myself and Dr. Nickens. On Wednesday, at the request of the Tribe, Dr. Nickens and I made ourselves available to the Advisory Council to answer questions about the NRC staff's overall approach. The Advisory Council communicated to the staff several concerns regarding the adequacy and terms of the staff's overall approach. Yesterday, the Tribe stated that it intended to provide an updated version of the Tribe's cultural resources survey proposal to take into account the Advisory Council's review. This morning, having not received this information, the NRC staff informed the Tribe that the staff would need to proceed with a decision about whether to continue further fieldwork efforts next week based on the information provided to the staff on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The proposal that the Tribe presented to the Advisory Council this week contemplates activities and milestones that were not part of the approach previously negotiated with the Tribe and parties. Those changes would represent a significant departure from the staff's approach in terms of timeframe, cost, and scope. The staff's approach was the product of extensive discussions with the Tribe leading up to and following the staff's selection of the approach detailed in its March 16 letter. However, the Tribe's alternative cultural resources survey proposal presented to the NRC staff on June 12, as well as the concerns the Advisory Council expressed on Wednesday regarding the staff's selected approach, indicate that the Oglala Sioux Tribe is no longer aligned with several basic features of the staff's selected approach.

Accordingly, the NRC staff has decided to discontinue the remainder of the June 11-22 fieldwork effort.

Moving forward, the NRC staff will need time to reflect and evaluate the next steps and will inform the Tribe when those steps have been formulated.

We greatly appreciate the discussions we had this week.

Regards
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