

**From:** [Bernadette Thomas](#)  
**To:** [Pineda, Christine](#)  
**Subject:** [External\_Sender] Re: consultation regarding the Jefferson Proving Ground Site  
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Please keep the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas in the loop. Also for your information, there are two other Kickapoo Tribes: one in Oklahoma and the other in Texas. We were all one Tribe in the past.

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On Nov 20, 2017, at 3:18 PM, Pineda, Christine <[Christine.Pineda@nrc.gov](mailto:Christine.Pineda@nrc.gov)> wrote:

Hello Ms. Thomas,

This email follows a voicemail I left for you earlier today. I will be sending a letter to Mr. Fred Thomas inviting the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas to consult with the NRC regarding a proposed amendment and exemption to the U.S. Army's license to possess depleted uranium in a specific area of the Jefferson Proving Ground site known as the Depleted Uranium Impact Area (DU Impact Area). The amendment would allow the Army's possession-only license to continue for a fixed period of time, after which the license would need to be renewed. The exemption would allow the Army to forego decommissioning for a limited period of time, after which the NRC would need to re-review the terms of the exemption in light of site conditions and other factors.

You may recall the NRC had sent you a letter about this site in June of 2015, when the Army was planning to decommission the site and request approval to release it under restricted conditions. In December of 2015 (see attached email), you replied that the Tribe wished to consult regarding the licensing matter and you provided the completed Tribal Response Form (see attached email). However, since the Army withdrew that proposal and has since submitted its request for a license amendment and exemption (described above), the NRC needs to send you a new invitation letter for this new licensing action. Note that the new Army request essentially would have the same effect on the land as the previous proposal, because the Army is not planning to conduct any land-disturbing activities and site restrictions would remain in place.

Please let me know if you would like to speak with me on the phone, or feel free to reply to this email. In the meantime, I plan to send the letter to the address shown on your website (824 111th Drive), unless you prefer that I use a different address.

Kind Regards,

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