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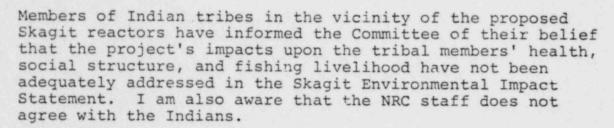
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Honorable Joseph Hendrie Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Hendrie:



I do not intend to address the question of the adequacy of the Environmental Impact Statement. On the other hand, because the Indians believe the project has the potential to lead to a major disruption in their way of life, the fact that they have found the Environmental Impact Statement unsatisfactory is itself significant. I believe, therefore, that it is important that the Commission assure itself that the Indians' concerns are fully addressed in a manner consistent with the law.

This is not only a matter of equity. It would seem part of a sound licensing process that the matters in question be thoroughly analyzed prior to issuance of a construction permit.

I appreciate the Commission's attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

MORRIS K. UDALL

Chairman

