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Mr. Lindsay A. Lovejoy, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Lovejoy:

I am responding to your letter of March 30, 1994, requesting notification of any future meetings or discussions involving the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff and applicants (or potential applicants), concerning consideration of a spent nuclear fuel storage facility in New Mexico. In response, we have placed the New Mexico Attorney General's office on a distribution list for notices of any potential licensing-related meetings.

Your letter also requested memoranda of past meetings between the staff and representatives of the Mescalero Apache Tribe or the Northern States Power Company on this subject. To date, the staff has not participated in any such formal or official meetings party concerning a potential spent fuel storage facility in New Mexico. A Mescalero Apache tribal representative made a courtesy call on two NRC staff members this past fall to inform us of the Tribe's potential plans; but because the visit was nonsubstantive and did not involve either an application or a license, no minutes were recorded.

At this time, there is no application or docket file for a project involving a spent fuel storage facility in New Mexico. When we receive an application, a docket file will be created and we will formally announce receipt of the application in the Federal Register. Materials in the docket file will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Rooms.

I trust that this reply responds to your request.

Sincerely,

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