

### **UNITED STATES** NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

February 14, 2022

John Barrett, Jr., Chairman Citizen Potawatomi Nation 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Drive Shawnee, OK 74801

OFFERING TRIBAL CONSULTATION CONCERNING INDIANA'S REQUEST SUBJECT:

FOR AN AGREEMENT UNDER SECTION 274 OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT

#### Dear Chairman Barrett:

The purpose of this letter is to offer the opportunity for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to consult with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) concerning Indiana's request for an Agreement under Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act, in accordance with the NRC's Tribal Policy Statement.<sup>1</sup> The State of Indiana submitted a letter of intent on June 11, 2021,<sup>2</sup> to notify the NRC that it is interested in pursuing an Agreement with the NRC to assume regulatory authority over specified radioactive materials and activities. By letter dated October 15, 2021,3 the NRC informed Citizen Potawatomi Nation of the State of Indiana's letter and stated that the NRC would keep you informed as the State of Indiana's application moves through the review process.

The NRC offers to consult with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in accordance with the NRC's Tribal Policy Statement because the proposed Agreement could have a substantial direct effect on the Tribe by changing the relationship between the NRC and the Tribe since the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act tribal consultation provisions do not apply to Agreement State licensing actions. The NRC's tribal liaisons (TLs) will serve as the primary points of contact during this process, along with the NRC Project Manager for the Indiana Agreement. The NRC will be offering this opportunity to all the Tribes on the enclosed list.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, "Tribal Policy Statement," January 9, 2017 (82 FR 2402) (Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML17011A243).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ADAMS Accession No. ML21166A134.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> ADAMS Package Accession No. ML21267A058.

The NRC encourages participation by federally -and State recognized Tribes in the regulatory process. Should your Tribe be interested in consultation with the NRC on this matter, please contact Ms. Maria Arribas-Colon, Branch Chief, Materials Safety and Tribal Liaison Branch at (301) 415-6026, or by email at <a href="Maria.Arribas-Colon@nrc.gov">Maria.Arribas-Colon@nrc.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

Signed by Williams, Kevin on 02/14/22

Kevin Williams, Director Division of Materials Safety, Security, State, and Tribal Programs Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

Enclosure: List of Tribes receiving letter

cc: Kelli Mosteller, THPO
Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Beth McCord, DNR, State of Indiana

# List of Tribe's Receiving Offer of Consultation from NRC concerning Indiana's request for an Agreement under Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act, in accordance with the NRC's Tribal Policy Statement

Absentee Shawnee Tribe

Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Delaware Nation of Oklahoma

Delaware Tribe of Indians

Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Forest County Potawatomi Community

Hannahville Potawatomi Indian Community

Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas

Kickapoo Tribe of Indians of the Kickapoo Reservation in Kansas

Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma

Little River Ban of Ottawa Indians

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan

Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin

Miami Tribe of Oklahoma

Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi

Osage Nation – The Osage Nation has agreed to consult with the NRC

Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma

Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Quapaw Tribe of Indians

Sac and Fox Nation

Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska

Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa

Seneca-Cayuga Nation

Shawnee Tribe

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians

Wyandotte Nation

(INDIANA) CONSULTATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION TRIBAL POLICY STATEMENT, REGARDING THE REVIEW OF THE STATE OF INDIANA AGREEMENT STATE APPLICATION DATE February 14, 2022

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