

#### UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

February 14, 2022

Deborah Dotson, President Delaware Nation of Oklahoma PO Box 825 Anadarko, OK 73005

### SUBJECT: OFFERING TRIBAL CONSULTATION CONCERNING INDIANA'S REQUEST FOR AN AGREEMENT UNDER SECTION 274 OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT

Dear President Dotson:

The purpose of this letter is to offer the opportunity for the Delaware Nation of Oklahoma 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,<sup>3</sup> the NRC informed Delaware Nation of Oklahoma 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 Delaware Nation of Oklahoma 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 Maria.Arribas-Colon@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Erin Paden, THPO CC: **Delaware Nation of Oklahoma** 

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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