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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

April 18, 2022

Edith Hood
Red Water Pond Road Community Association

Susan R. Gordon
Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment

Dear Ms. Hood and Ms. Gordon:

Thank you for your letter of April 7, 2022, to President Nez and the members of the Commission, expressing concerns about the Commission's upcoming April 22, 2022, visit to the Red Water Pond Road community and to Gallup, New Mexico, for a public Commission meeting. This letter responds to the concerns raised in your letter that relate to the Commission's visit.

As to the purpose of the afternoon meeting with members of the Red Water Pond Road community, as stated in the meeting notice, the Commission wishes to hear a first-hand account from members of the community on the impacts of uranium contamination on the Navajo Nation. This meeting presents an opportunity for the Commission to hear directly from community members in the community itself and achieve greater understanding of the issues discussed. In response to concerns heard during the planning process, also noted in your letter regarding the length of the community meeting, the meeting has been extended from 1.5 to 2 hours.

The Commission's evening meeting in Gallup pertains to the Ten-Year Plan to address the impacts of uranium contamination on the Navajo Nation and lessons learned from the remediation of former uranium mill sites; the meeting is intended to provide the Commission with an overview of those issues. Included in that overview is a discussion of participating agencies' roles in the NE Church Rock Mine and UNC Mill Site activities. Although there will not be an opportunity for members of the public to speak at the meeting, the Commission has extended an invitation to Ms. Hood to present the views of the Red Water Pond Road community directly to the Commission as a speaker at the meeting.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brooke P. Clark".

Brooke P. Clark

cc: The Honorable Jonathan Nez, President, Navajo Nation
Valinda Shirley, Executive Director, Navajo Nation EPA
Dariel Yazzie, Navajo Nation EPA
Merv Lynch, Navajo Nation EPA