



CHAIRMAN

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

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Chairman Terry Rambler
San Carlos Apache Tribe of the
San Carlos Reservation, Arizona
P.O. Box 0
San Carlos, AZ 85550

Dear Chairman Terry Rambler:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter dated March 6, 2026 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML26069A555). The NRC fulfills the Federal government's trust responsibility to Indian Tribes by implementing its Tribal Policy Statement, applying regulatory protections, and honoring obligations established by relevant treaties and statutes. I appreciate that you reached out to us.

The cleanup of ore-buying stations located on or near mill tailings sites, subject to the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 (UMTRCA), was performed under the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Program. Congress assigned responsibility for remediating these sites to the DOE under UMTRCA, and DOE remains the appropriate authority for any potential remediation activities at these locations. Considering this statutory framework, the NRC defers to the DOE for any additional informational needs or consideration of potential future remedial actions at the former Globe Ore Buying Station in Cutter, Arizona.

If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Candace Spore (Eagle Plume Woman), Acting Chief, Uranium Recovery and Materials Decommissioning Branch in the Division of Decommissioning, Uranium Recovery, and Waste Programs in the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards at Candace.Spore@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ho K. Nieh".

Ho K. Nieh

cc: Energy Secretary Chris Wright, DOE
Administrator Lee Zeldin, EPA