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Bruce Wynne, Chairman
Spokane Tribal Business Council
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Dear Mr. Wynne:

The Department of Health recently met with Western Nuclear, Inc. regarding final reclamation activities at the Sherwood uranium millsite. WNI's representatives informed us that they expect to provide a final report on reclamation activities by November 15, 1999, which will address all outstanding issues. The department will conduct a completeness review of all reclamation activities, and submit a report to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), documenting the state's findings and conclusions. The NRC will review our report and the U.S. Department of Energy's Long-Term Surveillance Plan for the WNI millsite, and will provide us with a formal reply. It is possible that WNI's license could be terminated by February 17, 2000. WNI has asked the department to review their report as soon as possible so the February 17 date can be met.

The department will forward copies of WNI's final report to you as soon as we get it. We are interested in the Spokane Tribe's review of this report and any related issues. We will also provide copies of reports from the department or other sources, pertaining to WNI's license termination. Please let us know if you would like to provide comments, meet with us, or have any other input that we can facilitate.

If you have any questions, please call me at (360) 236-3241, or John Blacklaw at (360) 236-3243.

Sincerely,


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