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Dear Mr. Donnell:

This letter is to confirm consultation between you and Mr. Dale Hanberg of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on August 1, 2000 concerning the acceptable grass species for seeding the proposed nuclear storage facility on the Skull Valley Indian Reservation.

It is the decision of BIA to select crested wheat grass as the preferred species for seeding around the proposed nuclear storage facility. The reason we preferred this species of grass is because we believe:

1. Crested wheat grass can be successfully established easier than native grass species.
2. Cheat grass is prone to burn easy and thrives from rangeland fires.
3. Crested wheat grass on the other-hand will compete better with cheat grass than native grasses, and it resists burning better than cheat grass.
4. Crested wheat is usually seeded as a monoculture but it is still a valuable forage plant for both livestock and wildlife.
5. Once established, crested wheat grass should maintain a successful stand of grass for the entire period of the lease.

If we can be of more help please feel free to contact myself, or Mr. Dale Hanberg of our office at Telephone # (435) 722-4300 or (435) 722-4331.

Sincerely

Superintendent

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