

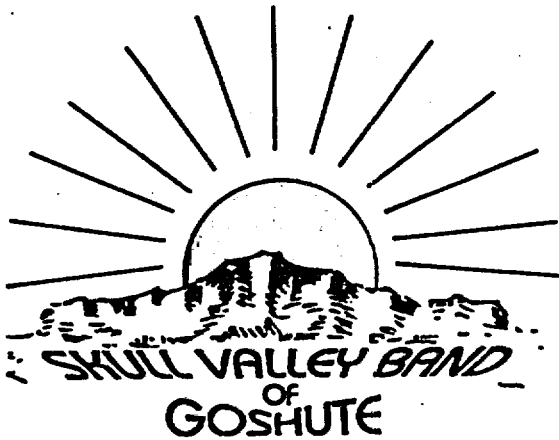
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RE: Public Comment Period for DEIS

Sir or Madam:

The Executive Committee representing the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians in this issue would like to provide this comment.

We have studied the storage of Spent Fuel for approximately ten years, starting in 1990 up to our present position of being involved in siting this project and filing for a license from the NRC. The Band has been very patient waiting for this economic project to begin, and spending some of their own resources to procure this project.

We sat through the first public meeting, which was mandated by Federal law, and listened to each speaker even though most of the dialog was neither factual nor scientific, but emotional and derogatory toward the Band. We congratulate the NRC for providing a second public meeting, at which the committee sat and listened to each speaker, which we felt was redundant. The comments came from some of the same emotional people who spoke out the first time.

We understand that there is now a request to extend the public comment period for the DEIS up to 180 additional days, and additional public meetings. The Skull Valley Band of

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Goshute Indians having sat through the first and second public meetings do not see the necessity to extend the time period any longer. The project should be moving forward to completion. We feel that the public has been given enough time to provide written comments to the NRC.

Thank you,



Leon D. Bear, Chairman
Executive Committee

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