

October 16, 2000

The Honorable Ronald Wopsock, Chairman
Northern Ute
P.O. Box 190
Ft. Duchesne, Utah 84026-0190

SUBJECT: NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT CONSULTATION PROCESS
FOR THE PROPOSED PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE FACILITY

Dear Chairman Wopsock:

By letters dated July 1, 1999, and April 26, 2000, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Surface Transportation Board (STB) informed you of the Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C. (PFS) proposal that includes the construction and operation of an independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) on the Reservation of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians, and the construction and operation of a rail line from the existing rail line to the proposed site. The proposed rail line would be located along the western edge of Skull Valley and extend from Skunk Ridge (near Low, Utah) to the ISFSI site on the Reservation. In the letters, the Federal agencies also offered you an opportunity to participate in the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 consultation process.

Although you have not indicated whether you want to participate as a consulting party in the Section 106 process, the Federal agencies are interested in knowing if you have specific knowledge of any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, or awareness of or concern for properties of traditional religious and cultural significance to an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization and that meet the National Register criteria as defined in 36 CFR Part 60.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this request, please contact Scott Flanders (NRC) at (301) 415-1172, Laird Naylor (BLM) at (801) 977-4357, Garry Cantley (BIA)

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at (602) 379-6750, or Phillis Johnson Ball (STB) at (202) 565-1539. A response within 30 days of receipt of this letter is appreciated. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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