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Mr. David Meyer, Chief
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Thank you for the ability to comment on the establishment of a public documents room for records pertaining to the proposed independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) to be built on the Skull Valley Goshute Reservation here in Utah. The Division has two recommendations on possible locations of public document rooms. The first recommendation is the Marriott Library at the University of Utah. The library is centrally located in the Salt Lake Metro area and is readily accessible to the majority of Utah's population along the Wasatch Front. The library also has housed such records in the past and would be "public-friendly" for access purposes.

The second recommendation is the Tooele County library located in downtown Tooele City near the County Courthouse. Although the Tooele County library is not as large as the Marriott Library in terms of volume, floor space, and available personnel for assistance, there is a critical need for residents of Tooele County, including members of the Skull Valley Band of the Goshutes, to have a repository as close as reasonably possible to the PFS information. In the past, the Tooele County Library has served as a repository for the Department for several commercial waste facilities. We have always found the library staff to be supportive of being a documents repository and making the necessary space available for the information. As you can imagine, the commercial waste facility permit applications and permits entailed several three-inch binders that had to be stored at the library.

Unfortunately, the Tooele County library appears to be the only repository close to the reservation that could serve the needs of the NRC. Because of the location of the proposed PFS facility, the options are limited. The Division will be glad to work with NRC staff to ensure that public document room information is properly transmitted. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important Utah issue.

Sincerely,


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