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**Subject:** ISF Briefing to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes - August 13, 2003

Matt,

Confirming my voice message to you last week, DOE and FWENC provided an ISF Project briefing to the Shoshone - Bannock Tribes on August 13th at the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. The briefing was led by DOE-ID (Jan Hagers) and the summary description of the scope and preliminary conclusions of the DEIS was presented by FWENC (Dan Howard).

The briefing lasted a little more than an hour and went well. The tribal representatives seemed interested and asked a number of questions during the presentations. Relative to the ISF Facility, the principal questions dealt with the long term plans for the facility (i.e., decommissioning). Dan Howard explained that a conceptual decommissioning plan had been a part of the ISF license application and Jan Hagers noted that DOE retained financial responsibility for the eventual decommissioning.

We left them a copy of the DEIS (hardcopy) as well as a couple of CDs that we had burned with the pdf file from the NRC web site. Attached for your information and use are the DEIS briefing slides as well a copy of the attendance sheet.

Please let me or Jan know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Jim

(See attached file: Draft ISF EIS Presentation for Nat Amer 8-8-03.ppt)  
(See attached file: Fort Hall Business Council\_ Attendance List\_081303.doc)

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**Fort Hall Business Council  
Meeting with  
Department of Energy/INEEL  
Proposed Idaho Spent Fuel Facility  
August 13, 2003  
Sign-In Sheet**

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## NRC Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Idaho Spent Fuel Facility

Draft Report  
for Public Comment  
(NUREG-1773)



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## Public Involvement

- Previous Scoping Process
  - Notice of Intent published in Federal Register, NRC web page, *Post Register* (Idaho Falls) and the *Idaho Statesman* (Boise) newspapers
  - Early comments received used to help establish areas for review
- This Report (NUREG-1773)
  - Public comment period open through August 18, 2003



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## Regulations

Sections of the Draft EIS that may be of special interest to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

- Discussion of Federal Statutes and Regulatory Requirements beginning on Page 1-8
- Description of the Affected Environment, particularly Section 3.9 Cultural, Historical, Ethnographical and Paleontological Resources beginning on Page 3-60, and Section 3.12 Environmental Justice beginning on Page 3-73
- Predicted Environmental Impacts to Cultural, Historical, Ethnographical and Paleontological Resources beginning on Page 4-11, and Environmental Justice beginning on Page 4-14



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## Issues Evaluated in Report

- |                     |                                                       |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| • Land Use          | • Historical, Cultural, and Paleontological Resources |
| • Transportation    | • Visual/Scenic Resources                             |
| • Geology and Soils | • Socioeconomic                                       |
| • Water Quality     | • Environmental Justice                               |
| • Water Use         | • Public and Occupational Health and Safety           |
| • Ecology           | • Waste Management                                    |
| • Air Quality       |                                                       |
| • Noise             |                                                       |

For every issue evaluated, the impact was determined to be "small" (Source – Draft EIS Summary Table 2-1)



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## General Basis for Impacts

- There were numerous factors used for determining the impacts of each issue evaluated
- Some common themes in these impacts were:
  - Already disturbed land, which has been subject to several previous studies
  - Two story building with unobtrusive profile
  - Immediately adjacent to the INTEC complex
  - No operations with significant emissions
  - Long distance from public
  - Small number of employees compared to INEEL employment



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## Cost-Benefit Analysis

- The NRC is required to include a cost-benefit analysis in EIS preparation
- This report acknowledges that the waste must be addressed at some time
- In comparing the current alternative with the no-action alternative (which would still require some action in the future) the savings would be a minimum of approximately \$251 Million (2001 dollars)



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### Preliminary Conclusion

The NRC preliminary NEPA recommendation is to issue the proposed license to FWENC, unless safety issues mandate otherwise

- Small-to-negligible impacts on environment and local communities
- Proposed action is designed to support INEEL mission, including 1995 Settlement Agreement



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### Preliminary Conclusion (cont'd)

- Most SNF to be received at ISF is already stored at INTEC and transfer distances are short
- Current fuel storage configuration (at INTEC) does not align with current (draft) acceptance criteria at the national HLW repository



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### Information Available On-line

- NRC website
  - <http://www.nrc.gov>
- Website address for NUREG-1773
  - <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1773/index.html>
- Information regarding the proposed ISF Facility and other licensing related documents can be found at
  - <http://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/Idaho-spent-fuel.html>



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