

September 17, 2003

TO ALL TRIBES

RE: INVITATION FOR A HIGH LEVEL WASTE WORKSHOP

The purpose of this communication is to provide additional information on the High Level Waste (HLW) Training Workshop that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will be holding in Las Vegas, Nevada.

This Workshop is scheduled to be presented October 28-29, 2003 at the:

Alexis Park Resort
375 East Harmon
Las Vegas, NV 89109
Telephone: (800) 582-2228 or (702) 796-3322
Fax: (702)-796-3354

The Workshop will begin on Tuesday, October 28, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. and run to 5:15 p.m. The Workshop will end on Wednesday, October 29, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. A draft agenda is enclosed.

LODGING & TRAVEL:

You should plan to arrive on Monday, October 27, 2003 (if staying at the hotel) and depart after the meeting is over on Wednesday, October 29, 2003, or on Thursday, October 30, 2003. Participants must make their own lodging and travel arrangements. Individuals should request the "HLW Training Workshop" rate of \$79.00 plus 9% occupancy tax.

The hotel has easy access to McCarran International Airport (less than a mile). However, the hotel does not offer shuttle service. Additional details about the hotel can be found at their web site: www.alexispark.com

If you have questions, please contact me or the individual named below:

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Sincerely,

/RA/
Paul H. Lohaus, Director
Office of State and Tribal Programs

Enclosure:
As stated
All Tribes

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Draft Agenda

Purpose: Provide, in lay terms, a basic introduction to the following concepts: radioactive waste; high level waste generation and disposal; high level waste transportation; geologic repository basics; performance assessment; regulatory agencies oversight. This course is intended for non-technical Tribal personnel and representatives with an interest or need to obtain the high level waste overview provided by the course.

October 28, 2003

8:30 *Registration*

9:00 *Welcome*

Paul Lohaus
Director, Office of State and Tribal Programs, NRC

Janet Schleuter
Chief, High Level Waste Branch
Division of Waste Management
Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, NRC

9:15 *Course objectives, participant introductions and agenda overview*
Francis Cameron, Facilitator
Office of the General Counsel, NRC

9:30 *Participant Discussion on Tribal Perspectives*
Francis Cameron

Overarching issues: Factors that affect tribal government understanding and evaluation of documents on high-level radioactive waste disposal and transportation:

- Are there unique Native American cultural perspectives on science and the natural world that might affect NRC approaches to providing information to, or obtaining information from, tribal governments on the licensing review and regulation of a geologic repository for HLW?
- Are there ways that the NRC could enhance tribal government understanding, review, and evaluation of documents important to the licensing and regulation of a geologic repository for HLW?

10:30 *Break*

10:45 *Industrial, Medical, and Federal Activities that Produce Radioactive Waste*
Osiris Siurano
Office of State and Tribal Programs, NRC

12:00 *Lunch*

1:00 *Basis for U.S. Policy for Yucca Mountain*
Janet Kotra
High Level Waste Branch
Division of Waste Management
Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, NRC

2:00 *Break*

2:15 *Safety and Environmental Standards*
Janet Kotra

3:30 *Break*

3:45 *High Level Waste Disposal*
Timothy McCartin
Office of the Director
Division Waste Management, NRC

5:00 *Recap of Day 1*

5:15 *Adjourn*

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8:00 *Agenda Overview of Day 2*
Francis Cameron

8:15 *High Level Waste Disposal*
Timothy McCartin

10:00 *Break*

10:15 *Performance Assessment*
Timothy McCartin

11:30 *Lunch*

12:30 *High-Level Waste Transportation*
Chester Poslusny
Spent Fuel Project Office
Transportation and Storage Safety and Inspections
Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, NRC

Paul Harris
Spent Fuel Project Office
Transportation and Storage Safety and Inspections
Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, NRC

2:00 *Break*

2:15	<i>NRC's Regulatory Program</i> Janet Kotra High Level Waste Branch Division of Waste Management Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, NRC
	Mitzy Young Office of the General Counsel, NRC
4:00	<i>Sources of Information</i> Osiris Siurano
4:30	<i>Participant Wrap Up</i> Francis Cameron
5:30	Adjourn