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RE: November 14 Meeting with Representatives of the Yakima Indian  
Nation

Dear Mr. Browning:

This is to confirm telephone conversations between Katherine Russell of your staff and me concerning a meeting to be held in Room 5A-114 of DOE's Forrestall Building at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 1984. This meeting will be attended on behalf of the Yakima Nation by Nuclear Waste Program Manager Russell Jim, Tribal Attorney James B. Hovis, me, and possibly one other person.

The primary reason we have requested this meeting is to be apprised of NRC Staff's thinking concerning the disposition of Defense High-Level Waste at the Hanford Site, and impending consideration of changes to the definition of high-level radioactive waste. It is our understanding that the Commission is considering issuance of an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking which will propose to revise the definition of high-level waste, and that the proposed revision could affect the designation of the defense wastes in old, single-shell tanks at Hanford.

As you know, the Yakima Nation is vitally concerned about the disposition of defense wastes at Hanford. We are hearing rumors about the proposed revisions from elsewhere which are disturbing, so it seems like an appropriate time to get correct information from you about what is actually being considered, and its implications for the Hanford DHLW. We are looking forward to this meeting with you and your staff, and sincerely hope that it will dispel some of our misgivings.

Sincerely yours,

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