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from: Eastern Shoshone Tribe

date: February 28, 2006 (8:42am)

subject: February 14-15, 2006 Inspection on the Wind River Reservation

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**RE: February 14-15, 2006 Inspection on the Wind River Reservation**

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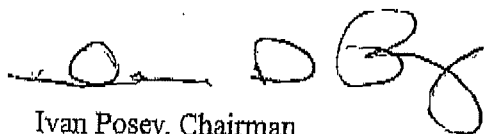
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The Shoshone Business Council (SBC) takes seriously its sovereign duty to regulate our lands and resources in a manner that protects our people and the public health at large. To that end, SBC shares the concerns expressed by Director Wert regarding the overall viability of the current radiation safety program in place on the Wind River Reservation. Over the coming weeks, we will review all of the information discovered during the inspection and evaluate whether it is in the best interests of the Tribe to make improvements to the radiation safety program or whether to terminate the license and transfer the remaining devices.

If you have any further need for information from the Shoshone Business Council, please contact Scott Althouse in the Shoshone Legal Office at 307-335-2049. A formal response to NRC's confirmatory action letter is forthcoming.

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Sincerely,

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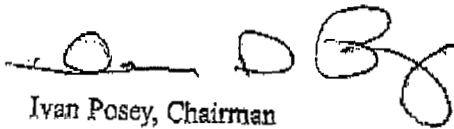
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