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SUBJECT: Yakima Indian Nation and WNP-2 Docket No. 50-397

Dear Mr. Auluck:

Last summer we had a telephone conversation concerning your agency's concerns about the Yakima Indian Nation and WNP-2's offsite emergency planning program. At that time you indicated that you would forward your correspondence file to me on this subject and you requested FEMA RX's assistance on this offsite emergency planning matter. I never received the material from you. However, the Supply System provided me with a copy of the letter from your office dated September 14, 1982, and requested our assistance and participation in a meeting with the Yakima Indian Nation.

The Yakima Indian Nation's Tribal Council refused to meet with the Supply System and also has refused to meet with Washington State's representative for consultation in the planning process. On December 7, 1982, they passed a resolution which expresses their position on consultation in any plans that would require evacuation of their reservation.

FEMA RX discussed the situation with the Portland Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. They reviewed the situation and discussed their perceptions with the State of Washington, and Yakima County, Washington. They advised us that, in their opinion, there were no obstacles preventing the State and County from completing their Ingestion Pathway Emergency Plans and Procedures.

The portion of the Yakima Indian Nation subject to the 50 mile Ingestion Planning Zone is the southeast corner of the Yakima Indian Reservation (which includes a portion of the Wapato Irrigation Project). The ingestion pathway requirements contained in NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev. 1. is concerned with the identification of food processing, food distribution points and the monitoring and sample analysis of agricultural crops in the field; and the procedures of the State for placing appropriate protective measures with regard to the consumption, processing, and movement (distribution) of agricultural goods.

As part of our offsite review process, this Region and the Regional Assistance Committee have reviewed the State's plans and procedures with regard to its preparedness for the Ingestion Exposure Emergency Planning Zone. Our Interim Finding was forwarded to our National Office last September 17, 1982. Our

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National Office forwarded that document, or a portion of that document, to your office of Inspection and Enforcement this February. Rather than requesting the Supply System to dialogue the issue, I believe it is more appropriate, as we discussed last summer and as the Memorandum Of Understanding between our agencies states, for your agency to request our position and findings on this situation.

We have advised the State of Washington that we see no obstacles preventing them from completing their ingestion pathway planning and preparedness efforts. The Bureau of Indian Affairs is of the opinion that the Yakima Indian Nation will allow access to the State's radiological monitoring personnel while performing radiological monitoring and sample media collection.

In summary, all of the necessary aspects of Ingestion Exposure Pathway Emergency Planning Zone Preparedness Programs are contained in plans/procedures; i.e., identification of food processing, food distribution points, and agricultural crops in the field. The State has the resources and capabilities to monitor, gather sample media, analyze sample media, and implement if necessary the preventative or emergency ingestion protective measures. Although the Yakima Indian Nation has not chosen to be a cooperative party in the planning process, the necessary plans and preparedness activities are occurring that will assure the general public and the members of the Yakima Indian Nation an adequate degree of protection in the event of a radiological incident at WNP-2 with ingestion pathway consequences.

The Region will submit a revised Finding this summer for WNP-2 (after the approval exercise - June 1, 1983, critique, and corrective action commitment process) as indicated in our monthly Report to Congress. I will include a specific section under Part 1 that can address this situation, and, hopefully, satisfy your concerns. If you have any questions, please contact me (Phone 206/481-8800) on this matter.

Sincerely,

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