



THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE PRESIDENT
JONATHAN NEZ VICE PRESIDENT

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Stuart Easson, Project Manager
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Navajo Nation's Participation in NRC's Advance Notification Program

Dear Mr. Easson,

This letter is to inform you and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that the Navajo Nation (Nation) is entitled to receive advance notification from the NRC of shipments of irradiated reactor fuel and certain nuclear waste in accordance with Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), Parts 71 and 73. This letter should in no way be construed as consenting to the transportation of such waste or any other nuclear waste through the Nation.

The Nation, in exercising its sovereign authority over the land within the exterior boundaries of the Navajo Indian Reservation, and to further the Nation's commitment to the health, safety, and well-being of its citizens and communities, herein determines this action necessary.

Please, be advised that, in accordance with the NRC's Final Action: Final Rule and Implementation of Advance Notification to Native American Tribes of certain shipments of Nuclear Waste as defined in the Federal Register [NRC-1999-00S], on behalf of the Nation, I hereby appoint the following Designees as points of contact with respect to the NRC's Final Rule and Implementation of Advance Notification to Native American Tribes:

1. Dr. Donald Benn, Director of Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency
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Also, please, be advised that the Nation's Designees did complete the SGI Training and understand the terms and conditions detailed in the following documents:

1. Safeguards Information Awareness Training
2. Protection of Safeguards Information Requirements for Tribes participating in the Advance Notification of Irradiated Reactor Fuel Shipments
3. REGULATORY GUIDE 5.79 as well as the statutory requirements of 10 CFR § 73.21 and 10 CFR § 73.22.

Further, the Nation confirms that the reservation boundaries, as shown in the attached map of the Navajo Indian Reservation, are true and correct and should be referenced for shipping routes.

Sincerely,

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