



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

March 20, 2018

Gary Burke  
Confederated Tribes  
of the Umatilla Indian Reservation  
46411 Timine Way  
Pendleton, OR 97801

Dear Chairman Burke:

This letter is to notify you that a new transportation route for irradiated reactor fuel and certain types of nuclear waste has been approved that crosses your Tribal reservation lands.

The "Advance Notification to Native American Tribes of Transportation of Certain Types of Nuclear Waste" (Advance Notification Rule) published on June 11, 2012 (77 FR 34194), amended the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulations in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Parts 71 and 73 to require licensees to provide participating Federally recognized Tribes advance notification of commercial irradiated reactor fuel shipments and nuclear waste shipments meeting the criteria of 10 CFR §71.97(b) which may be transported within or across Tribal reservations. In response to comments associated with the rulemaking, the NRC committed to contacting non-participating Tribes when a newly approved route crosses the Tribal reservation.

If you would like more information on the NRC's Advance Notification Rule or how to begin receiving notifications in advance of shipments, please contact Christian Einberg, at (301) 415-5422 or by e-mail at [Christian.Einberg@nrc.gov](mailto:Christian.Einberg@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Kevin Williams, Acting Director  
Division of Materials Safety, Security, State  
and Tribal Programs  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
and Safeguards

Enclosure  
Letter: Route Approval

SUBJECT: LETTER RE: NEW ROUTE - ADVANCE NOTIFICATION TO NATIVE AMERICAN  
TRIBES OF TRANSPORTATION OF CERTAIN TYPES OF NUCLEAR WASTE.  
TITLE 10 OF THE *CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS* PART 71 AND 73  
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