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From: Diaz Toro, Diana
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 5:56 PM
To: Ben Rhodd
Subject: RE: Re: Draft Summary of the February 8, 2019, Teleconference Meeting and Draft Agenda for Next Working Meeting on February 19

Dear Mr. Rhodd,

Thank you for taking the time to reach out to me and sharing your concerns. I also appreciate that you have shared with me how other Federal agencies are moving forward by involving Tribes in the planning of field investigations.

The purpose of the meetings that the NRC staff is coordinating, including the teleconference meeting that took place on Friday, February 8, and next week's teleconference meeting on February 19, is to develop the methodology to be used in carrying out a field survey of the Dewey-Burdock ISR project in collaboration with the invited Tribes. The draft methodology that we shared today is only a working document intended to be discussed with the invited Tribes and modified as a result of the Tribes' involvement and participation. We recognize the importance of planning tribal field investigations with the Tribes and, thus, why the draft methodology is based on tribal self-determination.

We look forward to our discussions next Tuesday February 19.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Regards,
Diana

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Ms. Diez-Toro,

Given the past working relationship we have had with the NRC, it is with a bit of trepidation that I bring to your attention an issue of concern. In the past Tribes have never been afforded the opportunity to fully investigate all affected and or potentially to be affected lands within NRC projects. Archaeologists have (of which I am an archaeologist) been allowed full access to all lands affected or otherwise. This has been the crux of the matters of contention since the beginning of Dewey-Burdock.

There has not been an equity of review methodologies, techniques, or protocols over the ensuing years since the Projects' original proposal.

I am aware of Mr. Spangler and his professional capabilities and be that as it is, I have reservations as to he or his associates creating a methodology to apply to this Project without the involvement and participation of the THPO's and or those knowledgeable of survey methodologies from field experience. Essentially, our involvement in the creation of the field exercise would be a good faith effort on behalf of the NRC to demonstrate sincere commitment to this Project adherence to the NHPA i. e. - Section 106, Section 101 (d)(6)(B), and Section 110 plus 36 CFR Part 800 implementing regulations.

It is becoming standard protocol with other Federal agencies to involve Tribes in the planning of field investigations as integral partners in the cultural/historical review process. Perhaps, this may be come a standard that NRC could adopt for the future.

Thank you for your kind attention to this email addressing an issue that is relevant to the forthcoming relationship building we are making regarding theis Project.

Sincerely,

Ben Rhodd
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On Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 11:27:14 AM CST, Diaz Toro, Diana <Diana.Diaz-Toro@nrc.gov> wrote:

Dear Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

In an effort to continue keeping you informed of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's efforts to develop a site survey methodology for the Dewey-Burdock in situ uranium recovery (ISR) project, please find attached the draft summary of the February 8, 2019, teleconference meeting regarding the site survey methodology. We are also sharing the draft agenda for our next teleconference meeting scheduled on February 19, 2019, at 10:00am MT (12:00pm ET).

To continue to focus our engagement and interactions on developing the site survey methodology, we are planning another working meeting the week of February 25 (in addition to the February 19 working meeting). We will keep you up informed of the dates and times of future meetings.

Regards,

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