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Ms. Cinthya I. Roman, Chief
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
11555 Rockville Pike
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Rockville, Maryland 20852

RE: Section 106 Consultation of the National Historic Preservation Act Regarding the Proposed License Amendment for the Prairie Island Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (Docket No. 72-10)

Dear Ms. Roman:

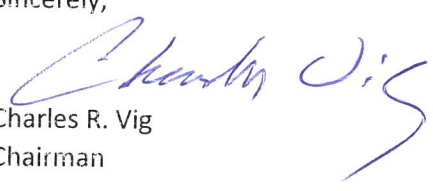
I am writing in response to the letter sent to my attention and dated December 19, 2019 regarding the above referenced matter. I write this letter on behalf of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) and my fellow Business Council members Vice Chairman Keith B. Anderson and Secretary/Treasurer Rebecca Crooks-Stratton.

The SMSC is fully committed to support the Prairie Island Indian Community and its positions on issues related to the Proposed License Amendment. To that end, we are informed that the Phase I archaeological survey completed on the proposed independent spent fuel storage installation (ISPSI) site determined that no archaeological materials were present. Therefore, we concur with the Prairie Island Indian Community that the proposed ISPSI does not have the potential to cause effects to historic or cultural properties in the immediate area of the proposed site.

Further, we fully agree that there should be no additional spent nuclear fuel storage at the Prairie Island site and what spent nuclear fuel is present should be removed as advocated by the Prairie Island Indian Community. We agree with the Prairie Island Indian Community's position that the United States has failed in its trust responsibility to the Prairie Island Indian Community in its handling of the placement and operation of the nuclear power plant directly adjacent to the trust lands of the Prairie Island Indian Community; and the establishment and expansion of the ISPSI.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,


Charles R. Vig
Chairman

Cc: President Shelley Buck, PIIC