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File TR-4301.14-P5
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Dr. Jane Summerson, EIS Document Manager
Regulatory Authority Office
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
U.S. Department of Energy
1551 Hillshire Drive, MS 010
Las Vegas, Nevada 89134

Re: Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, Yucca Mountain Repository

Dear Dr. Summerson:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Western Regional Office has reviewed the October 31, 2006, Notice of Intent and the public notification of additional scoping meeting and comment period extension for the aforementioned project. We are interested in the project as it relates to potential impacts to Indian Tribes located in the vicinity of the project or those that may attach religious or cultural significance to items, objects, sites, or landscapes in the area.

In accordance with Executive Order 13084 and in consideration of the federal government's overall trust responsibility toward Indian Tribes, BIA encourages the Department of Energy (DOE) to continue scoping Indian Tribes for interest and input regarding the development of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

We appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Amy Heuslein at 602-379-6750. Currently, the BIA does not have access to electronic mail or the Internet, so we request communications via regular mail delivery or facsimile transmissions. Our telefax number is (602) 379-3833.

Sincerely,

Regional Director