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Paul H. Lohaus, Director Office of State Programs United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555-001

RE: Nuclear Regulatory Commission Proposed Rules Regarding Notification to Tribes About

Shipments of High Level Radioactive Waste

Dear Mr. Lohaus,

The Elko Band Council is in full support of the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would require NRC licensees to notify Tribes prior to the shipment of high-level radioactive waste, including spent nuclear fuel, before the licensees ship the material to or across the boundaries of Tribal Lands.

The Interstate 80 runs through the Elko Indian Colony and is a major artery from the eastern to the western states. The proposed advanced notice will assist the Elko Band Council in preparing an Emergency Response Program.

Please contact Melanie Everhart, Environmental Coordinator or Davis Gonzales, Administrator at (775)738-8889.

Thank you,

Wilbur Woods, Chairman Elko Band Council MBR 21 AM 10: (