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Dear Secretary:

I write on behalf of the Colorado River Indian Tribes to give our comments on the proposed rule changes that would require transporters of nuclear waste materials to submit advance notification of shipments of certain amounts of waste materials to Indian tribes. Under this proposed rule, tribes would be notified when shipments of spent nuclear waste would be transported through their tribal lands. Currently, states are given advance notification. We feel this rule should be implemented to include Indian tribes as well.

We appreciate the NRC's recognition of tribal sovereignty, however, we feel that tribes should have the right to refuse transport of nuclear waste through their tribal lands. The Colorado River Indian Tribes' Tribal Council passed a resolution designating its Reservation lands as a nuclear free zone. We therefore reserve our right not to permit these types of environmental hazards into our jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES

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