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High-Level Waste Management

Mr. James E. Kennedy

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Subject: Review of Final Draft Generic Technical Position on

Items and Activities in the high-Level Waste Geologic Repository program Subject to Quality Assurance

Requirements

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

The Council of Energy Resource Tribes has reviewed the above-referenced GTP for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho. The changes in the line-in, line-out version closely correspond to the notes that we kept of the discussions at the August 25 meeting in Bethesda. A few typos were found, such as the use of "analysis" instead of "analyses" in the first full paragraph on page 7 and the confusing lack of a period after "safety" under 4.2 (d), "Retrieval Process".

The only significant change that is needed is the statement on page 24 that "The following example[s] of how grading can be accomplished are helpful in interpreting the guidance given above." The two examples given in the original document were then deleted. Either this sentence should be deleted, or the "are" should be changed to "is" and the single example under discussion should be clearly identified, not just included as part of the discussion of graded QA.

We appreciate your having allowed additional changes at the August 25 meeting and believe that the changes have clarified the GTP without compromising NRC's regulatory position.

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