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**Subject:** RE: Generic Environmental Impact Statement for Continued Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel and Final Rule - Continued Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel (RIN 3150-AJ20; NRC-2012-0246)  
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**Attachments:** [area of interest shapefiles - april 2014.zip](#)

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Ms. Lopas,

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma thanks the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the correspondence regarding the above referenced project. The Choctaw Nation has reviewed the GEIS and we have some points of concern that we would like to discuss.

In regard to cultural resources the GEIS tends to focus on the fact that many of the project areas will be previously disturbed, therefore, no cultural resources would be left in the project areas. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma holds strong to the belief that, in cases of sites with human remains and/or burials, regardless of previous disturbance that land is sacred. Please keep in mind that the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma wants to be consulted on ground disturbing projects regardless of any previous disturbance to the area. Also, keep in mind that if NRHP eligibility of archaeological sites within a project's APE have been determined prior to Tribal consultation, these determinations will need to be re-evaluated.

For all new construction or ground disturbing projects that fall within our area of historic interest, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma requests to be a consulting party. I have attached the GIS shapefiles for our area of historic interest. These shapefiles will include our ancestral lands, traditional homelands, treaty lands, Trail of Tears Removal Corridor, and the present day land of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. When initiating Section 106 consultation please include the following documents: a map of the project APE and all archaeological sites within a 1 mile radius, GPS coordinates, aerial photos of the APE, and the cultural resources survey.

Lastly, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma requests that an inadvertent discovery plan be implemented prior to project implementation. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma asks that in the event that Native American cultural materials or human remains are encountered, work will be stopped and our office will be contacted immediately.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at 580-924-8280 ext. 2631.

Thank You,

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