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The Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff

Dear Staff:

On behalf of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, I am responding to the December 21, 1999, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) notice in the Federal Register (Volume 64, Number 244, pages 71331-71333) which requested comments on the NRC's intention to amend its regulations to require licensees to notify Indian tribes in advance of certain shipments of high level radioactive waste, including spent fuel.

The Grand Traverse Band, located in Michigan fully supports this proposal which would require advance notification to Indian Tribes that high-level nuclear waste or spent fuel shipments would be going through their territory. The effort to move forward on this important issue will help us to protect our people and lands, and recognize tribal sovereignty.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

George E. Bennett

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Tribal Chairman

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