



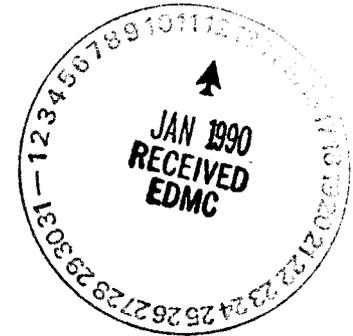
Confederated Tribes and Bands
of the Yakima Indian Nation

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Established by the
Treaty of June 9, 1855

October 23, 1989

Mr. Leo Duffy
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Office of the Secretary
Department of Energy
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Washington, D.C. 20585



Dear Mr. Duffy:

At the State and Tribal Government Working Group meeting in Denver on October 17, 1989, the Yakima Indian Nation representatives received your expressed commitment on behalf of the Department of Energy to provide timely funding for active Yakima Nation participation in the development and implementation of the Five-Year Plan. Our participation includes technical evaluation and analysis of the National Prioritization System, which has a detailed agenda for activities during FY 90.

In the Yakima Nation's proposal for participation, we have submitted cost estimates to cover the basic tasks in support of Treaty rights which correspond to the DOE Five-Year Plan activities. These activities cover the oversight of the DOE National Five-Year Plan and the site specific plan for DOE-Richland. We understand your expressed commitment regarding the agreement with the US DOE to provide funding necessary for the Yakima Indian Nation to perform and achieve the objectives of the tasks described in our proposal. We request that your funding commence with our letter until a formal contractual agreement is signed between the respective governments.

We request a confirmation of this mutual understanding no later than November 22, 1989 describing the negotiation process for tribal participation. We also request an official DOE contact point for all further negotiations at both Headquarters and the Richland Operations Office.

As expressed previously, our invitation for you to visit the Yakima Indian Reservation is always open. We sincerely hope that this will become a reality in the near future.

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The Yakima Indian Nation would like to commend the Department of Energy, and in particular, your office for the continued efforts made to promote the cooperation between our governments. We also wish to acknowledge your official actions taken to recognize and protect our Treaty rights.

Sincerely,

YAKIMA INDIAN NATION

William Don Tahkeal

William Don Tahkeal, Chairman
Radioactive/Hazardous Waste Committee

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Enclosure