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Mr. Lake H. Barrett
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Mr. Lake,

The Tribal Planning Office has reviewed your documents and wishes to reserve our comments at this time. The Cocopah Indian Tribe resides on three reservations in the Lower Colorado Basin with some of our people living in the Colorado Delta in Mexico. The Yucca Mountain site is a considerable distance from us but we feel there is one issue that has not been adequately addressed.

Could you please detail for us any impacts that depositing radioactive nuclear waste might have on the Lower Colorado Basin both as to air and water quality. Also we would like to know details of accidental release, either man-made or natural, that might impact the basin.

If you could pass this information to the Planning Office I would appreciate it.

Thank you,

Sherry Cordova, Chairperson
Cocopah Indian Tribe