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Mr. Charles Powers
CRESP Headquarters
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Re: Amchitka Science Plan

Dear Mr. Powers:

The Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association (A/PIA), in accordance with the Letter of Intent between the State of Alaska and the Department of Energy, accepts the concept of the *Amchitka Independent Scientific Plan* dated June 24, 2003 with the following understanding:

- The science plan addresses the biological and food resource assessment important to the Aleut people.
- The plan will reduce the risk uncertainties in the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) risk assessment.
- A comprehensive marine assessment for Amchitka will provide a platform for long-term management of the test site.
- Notwithstanding the \$3.1 million committed to the project by the NNSA/NSO the full plan must be implemented.
- The United States Department of Energy, the responsible agency, should fund the complete science plan.
- The role of stakeholders, particularly the residents of the Aleutian/Pribilof Region, will be incorporated throughout the implementation process.

- The management team will develop a complete and comprehensive project for the determination of the source of radionuclides if detected and found at above In the event leakage from the Amchitka Underground Nuclear Test Site (AUNTS) is detected by the presence of tritium or other radionuclide attributable to the AUNTS, the extent and rate of leakage will be established.

The Aleut tribes and A/PIA will review the plan. The desires and comments of the tribes will be considered in the implementation of the tasks as outlined and prioritized in the approved plan.

If you have any further questions or comments, please contact Bob Patrick at 907-222-4214. A/PIA looks forward to working with all of the involved agencies in a cooperative and productive project that we expect to be very successful.

Sincerely,


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President/CEO

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