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I told Mr. Hovis that we (NRC) would be receiving the Project Decision Schedule from DOE sometime in June and that this might be a good vehicle for determining the points where the Tribe would want to work with NRC. This would also work to our advantage because we would know, in advance, that the states/tribes wanted to have input and could factor that into our long-range scheduling and planning. Mr. Hovis agreed that this would be a good starting point and said he would wait to hear from us to set up such a meeting

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