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RE: High Top and Ostrea Solar Facility Application

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Dear Ms. Bumpus,

The Yakama Nation Cultural Resources Program (CRP) has reviewed the High Top and Ostrea Solar Facility application documents available on the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) website. We continue to be concerned with the lack of coordination concerning cultural resources. The application refers to an appendix cultural report, but that report is not available. Further, it has not been loaded to DAHP's WISAARD database, and therefore, may have not been appropriately distributed to DAHP or applicable land managing agencies.

The location of these proposed facilities is located in an area of cultural concern for the Yakama Nation, being an area of known ancestral use and in proximity to Traditional Cultural Properties. Until such time that the cultural reports are received and distributed appropriately, cultural resources consultation has not been initiated. We look forward to continued correspondence regarding these proposals

Thank you,

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