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Repository Programmatic Agreement

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**Native American
Tribal Update Meeting**

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Programmatic Agreement - Recap

- Existing Programmatic Agreement (PA) covered site characterization.
- New PA would be in effect up to start of Operations (waste receipt).
- Initial draft PA distributed May 14, 2004, with comment period ending August 31, 2004.
- Extended comment period until October 31, 2004, and again until March 31, 3005.



Programmatic Agreement – Recap, cont.

- Key elements:
 - Definition of land disturbance
 - Site buffer zone (100 yds)
 - Management areas (Land Withdrawal Area and FADE)
 - Does not apply to off-site, transportation-related activities



Comment Resolution

- Received comments from ACHP, SHPO, CGTO, Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley and Bishop Paiute Tribe.
- Comments evaluated and responses prepared.
- PA revised and distributed to Tribes, SHPO, and ACHP for final review. Comments due by September 30, 2005.



Key Comments

- **Extend comment period:**
 - Extended until March 31, 2005
- **Tribes should be parties to Agreement:**
 - Tribes invited to become concurring parties
- **Tribes should receive timely materials:**
 - Developed interactive web site.
- **106/NAGPRA consultation process unclear:**
 - Language clarified.

