

**Summary of Testimony of the Honorable Victoria Winfrey  
President, Prairie Island Indian Community Tribal Council  
Before the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future  
Subcommittee on Transportation and Storage  
To be given on August 19, 2010**

Victoria Winfrey, President of the Prairie Island Indian Community Tribal Council, will share some of the Community's concerns about the direct, adverse health and environmental impacts that the operations of the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant and its Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation have on the Community. Because the Community is literally at the source of all plant releases and emissions, its members bear a disproportionate amount of the risks associated with plant operations and the on-site storage of nuclear waste.

President Winfrey will also discuss the United States Government's history of broken promises to the Prairie Island Indian Community and similarly impacted communities across the country. Among other things, the United States Government remains in breach of its contractual obligation to start collecting waste from electric utilities by 1998, and has failed to open a permanent, national repository. President Winfrey will also urge the Commission to fully examine the full environmental, health, security and economic consequences of long-term, on-site storage.

Absent a scientific or technical explanation for why Yucca Mountain is no longer an option, the Prairie Island Indian Community strongly believes that Yucca Mountain remains the most viable and timely long-term nation nuclear waste storage strategy. However, as an alternative, President Winfrey will encourage the Commission to initiate a national dialogue to evaluate whether centralized, away-from reactor storage is a feasible alternative to long-term on-site storage.