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**Key Points – CTUIR Presentation to NRC**

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- Welcome to the homelands of the CTUIR
- CTUIR retained Treaty-reserved rights through our homeland, including Hanford lands
- CTUIR is also one of the natural resource trustee of all Hanford natural resources
- I direct the Department of Science and Engineering, with duties including Hanford cleanup and restoration, the Umatilla chemical weapons depot, air quality on the reservation.
- My staff includes nationally-recognized scientists as well as entry-level college students
- Our endstate vision for Hanford is that Hanford should be clean-closed and fully restored:
  - Clean enough to safely use for our traditional activities and lifeways
  - Restored to baseline conditions to support our rights and resources
  - Protected from development
  - Accessible to tribal members for traditional uses.
- DOE is legally required to retrieve tank waste and remediate the entire site. Enforceable milestones require high level waste to be disposed in a deep geologic repository.
- Without Yucca Mountain or a suitable alternative that is ready fairly soon, DOE will not be able to meet more of its legal obligations.
- Interim safe storage is an option that may be required, but it entails additional mitigation obligations to account for the continued disproportionate burden that tribes bear as long as they cannot access their natural resources safely and effectively.