

**NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT  
CONSULTATION AND THE NEVADA TEST SITE COLLECTION  
FINAL REPORT**

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- \* that are, or are likely to be, **culturally affiliated** with the objects; and
- \* from whose **aboriginal lands** the human remains and associated funerary objects originated (Emphasis Added).

The DOE/NV NAGPRA consultation involved American Indian tribes and Indian organizations who currently represent Indian people having aboriginal and historic ties to lands currently occupied by the NTS. No NAGPRA human remains or objects were determined to be connected with Indian descendance, so consultation was conducted with Indian groups who are either culturally affiliated or recognized as being the aboriginal occupants of the NTS.

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Most sacred objects began as ordinary objects. Through their participation in ceremony they become sacred objects. When these objects are placed on or in the ground as a part of a ceremony their ongoing role in this ceremony is to remain where they were placed. The sacred object functions as a "spiritual glue" to repair tears in and maintain the order of the world. Therefore, when these sacred objects are removed from where they were ceremonially placed, the order of the world is threatened. This situation can only be rectified by returning the sacred object to where it was originally placed and to conduct a "forgiving ceremony" in the hopes that the sacred object will once again be restored to its original and ongoing religious function.

To the best of their knowledge, the authors of this report consider that this consultation meets the requirements of NAGPRA of 1990 and the Final Rule of 1995.