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Dear Colonel Helmlinger,

I'm writing with regard to the Rosemont mine permit application, having recently received a copy of your December 28, 2016 letter to Hudbay regarding the status of their permit application. As referenced in your letter, EPA's concerns with the project remain as reflected in the administrative record, particularly with respect to degradation of Cienega Creek and the resulting violation of water quality standards. Your letter indicates a technical meeting with Hudbay may be scheduled as follow-up to your December site visit.

Given our long-standing partnership with your district and division teams on this matter, I offer any assistance EPA's Clean Water Act (CWA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) managers and staff can provide in preparation for the meeting. Should Hudbay decide to seek an approved CWA jurisdictional determination (JD), we are ready to engage with you on the necessary follow-up coordination, in keeping with the December 21, 2016 joint memos signed by EPA's Joel Beauvais and the Corps' Gen. Donald Jackson on improving JD and permit coordination.

Kind regards,
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