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Hi Alan,

I am sorry I am unable to participate in this week's RTOC. I know you have been following our communications with the Yerington Paiute Tribe (YPT) closely, so I want to provide you with a short update since my last email exchange with you last June. On June 27th, I attended a Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) roundtable discussion with multiple stakeholders, including both YPT and the Walker River Paiute Tribe (WRPT), regarding the Anaconda site and the State's deferral concepts. The following day, on June 28th, Harry Ball and I met with the YPT Chairman, Laurie L. Thom, their Environmental Director, Ginny Hatch, and their consultants to discuss their specific concerns about process and the State's evolving deferral proposal. I also wanted to reassure them that EPA fully understood our trust responsibilities to the YPT as we explored a potential deferral.

On July 31, 2017, NDEP formally requested deferral of the site to NDEP. In response to that request, I sent NDEP the attached letter notifying them that the deferral process should be done in a manner that recognizes Tribal sovereignty and jurisdiction and that provides for meaningful involvement by the Tribes for future work on the site under a potential deferral scenario. We are now actively working with NDEP, YPT, and WRPT, on drafting agreements, consistent with EPA guidance, which would build on these concepts.

There is much work ahead of us before EPA can support NDEP's deferral proposal for the Anaconda site. And I know the YPT continues to be concerned about this potential deferral. I am in the process of writing a letter to Chairman Thom reaffirming our goal to not defer the site without formally consulting with YPT. I will send you a copy of the letter and keep you apprised of our progress in addressing tribal concerns.

Regards,

Enrique