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Enrique,

I would like to get a written update from you about relations with the EPA between the Yerington Paiute Tribe regarding the Anaconda Mine Site. I was hoping that a meeting held at the Regional Office during the last RTOC meeting was going to produce results that would strengthen the relationship which had become strained, but upon further observation the issue has gotten progressively worse. I am particularly concerned that the Tribe has felt disrespected by the EPA in a forum with other affected parties suggesting that the Tribe should not have further involvement with discussions. I would like to have a written update to begin to clear up any misunderstandings between the Tribe and EPA since I continue to hear two very different perspectives shared regarding this issue.

In addition to a written update, I would like to see a timeline developed to help restore relations between the Tribe and EPA. I recognize that the NPL for the Anaconda Mine Site has been deferred to 9/30 so time is of the essence in strengthening relations so that the Tribe can engage successfully as conversations progress regarding the long term cleanup of the site. I would like to get an update and timeline by 6/20.

This issue was raised to me prior to the last RTOC meeting and it was not included as an issue for the RTOC body since there seemed to be movement to resolve things; however, it looks like my decision to remove it from discussion has only escalated the issue. At the Summer RTOC this item will be brought up as an issue and I would like to show that relations have improved.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

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