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Subject: Update re tribal consultation

Dear Bob,

Yesterday we met with the chairmen of the Walker River and Yerington Paiute tribes regarding our proposed NV/EPA/Tribal MOUs. I'd be glad to give you a summary by phone if your schedule permits. I'm free for the next hour (8-9 am PST) and again at 11:30 am PST, or we can find another mutually suitable time. I'm flying to Washington DC on Sunday for two days of EPA meetings, returning Wednesday.

We are also discussing the main issues with Greg. Apparently, many of those aired by the chairmen would be resolved via ARC/BP's direct funding of tribes, in their words, rather than via the State. In the MOU, they each seek acknowledgement of Tribal authority, and how NV will treat Tribal input on non-tribal land, as their interests include all operable units.

We asked them to comment and submit to us proposed language for revising the MOUs. We did not invite comment on the EPA/NV deferral agreement. I don't believe we'll secure a revised or signed MOU in the next month, and will continue to work on completing all other components in a timely way (e.g. cost reimbursement agreement needs to be signed at a higher level in DOJ). The Tribal chairmen understand we are on a path to deferral, and will likely seek consultation with the Administrator, having earlier requested consultation with Governor Sandoval.

Kind regards,

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