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Ivan Sydney, Business Manager
First Mesa Consolidated Villages
P.O. Box 260
Polacca, AZ 86042

Re: Notice of Inspection and Request for Meeting
Polacca Public Water System – PWS I.D. 0400106

Dear Mr. Sydney:

From April 29 to May 1, 2014, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 ("EPA") will be conducting inspections of public water systems, including the Polacca public water system owned and/or operated by the First Mesa Consolidated Villages and located within the exterior boundaries of the Hopi Tribe's ("Tribe") reservation. In addition, EPA will be conducting inspections of Hopi High School-BIA and Second Mesa Day School-BIA public water systems which are non-tribally owned and also located within the exterior boundaries of the Tribe's reservation. This notice of inspection is hereby given in accordance with Section 1445(b) of the Safe Drinking Water Act ("SDWA"), 42 U.S.C. §300f et seq., to inform you of EPA's on coming inspections. Region 9's SDWA/FIFRA Enforcement Office will conduct these inspections pursuant to its delegated authority under Section 1445 (b) (1) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. §300 j-4 (b) (1).

These inspections are part of EPA's federal implementation and oversight responsibilities to ensure compliance with national environmental goals and enforcement of federal statutes. EPA inspections may include an evaluation of records, files, papers, processes, controls, facilities and sources to determine whether public water systems or other persons has acted or is acting in compliance with the SDWA.

Please be aware that EPA strives to assure compliance with environmental statutes and regulations in Indian Country and will work cooperatively with Tribal leadership to develop appropriate means to achieve compliance, provide technical support and consult as necessary to enable Tribal public water systems to comply with the SDWA. EPA will also consider taking enforcement actions, including but not limited to judicial and/or administrative actions where EPA determines enforcement is appropriate and where such actions would reasonably be expected to achieve compliance.

Request for Meeting

In order to ensure that EPA is upholding its federal trust responsibilities with federally-recognized Tribes and assuring that tribal concerns and interest are considered whenever EPA actions, policies or decisions may affect tribes, EPA would like to request a meeting with the Hopi Tribal Council.

Hillary Hecht and Christopher Chen, EPA Inspectors, of my staff will be conducting the public water system inspections. During their time at the Hopi Tribe, they will be available to meet with the Tribal Council and answer your questions if needed. We look forward to your cooperation and if you have any questions concerning this letter or the details of the inspections, please feel free to call Hillary Hecht at (415) 947-4266 or by email at hecht.hillary@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Roberto Rodriguez
Manager
SDWA/FIFRA/Enforcement Office

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