The Honorable Ivan Smith
Chairperson of the Tonto Apache Tribe Of Arizona
Tonto Reservation #30
Payson, Arizona 85541

Dear Chairperson Smith:

Thank you for the comment letter to discuss potential impacts to the Tonto Apache Tribe from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's rulemaking on the Navajo Generating Station. In the comment letter from your General Counsel to EPA, the Tonto Apache Tribe shared perspectives on the Federal trust responsibility and raised important issues and concerns.

On July 28, 2014, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy signed the final rulemaking for the Navajo Generating Station. All comments and EPA's responses are included in the docket for this final rulemaking. The enclosure to this letter includes responses to written comments we received from your General Counsel by letter dated January 6, 2014.

Our final rulemaking to promulgate regulatory requirements consistent with the Agreement developed by the Technical Work Group on NGS provides NGS with a flexible timeline for achieving emission reductions required under the Clean Air Act in a manner that recognizes the importance of NGS to the Tonto Apache Tribe and many other Tribes located in Arizona.

Thank you for your active participation in the rulemaking process. If you have additional concerns, please contact me at (415) 947-8702 or have your staff contact Deborah Jordan, Director of the Air Division at (415) 947-8715 or Colleen McKaughan, Associate Director of the Air Division, at (520) 498-0118.

Sincerely,

Jared Blumenfeld

Enclosure