The Honorable Louis Manuel, Jr.
Chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community
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Dear Chairman Manuel:

Pursuant to Executive Order 13175 and the *EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes*, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has engaged in consultation and coordination with tribes in Arizona beginning in 2009 regarding EPA's proposed rulemaking, published in the Federal Register on February 5, 2013, to implement the Best Available Retrofit Technology provision of the Regional Haze Rule for the Navajo Generating Station. On September 25, 2013, I signed a Supplemental Proposal based on an additional Alternative to BART submitted by a group of stakeholders known as the Technical Work Group. The Supplemental Proposal was published in the Federal Register on October 22, 2013.

I would like to invite you and your designated consultation representative(s) to participate in on-going consultation on the Navajo Generating Station on December 10, 2013. At this meeting, I would like to discuss EPA's proposed rule and Supplemental Proposal, answer questions, and hear concerns directly from you. This consultation and coordination will be conducted in accordance with the *EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes* (www.epa.gov/tribal/consultation/consult-policy.htm).

On December 10, I will be holding a joint consultation meeting open to all interested tribal leaders in Arizona or their staff from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. I will be available for individual meetings until noon. The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, located at 2214 North Central Avenue, in Phoenix, Arizona, has offered Conference Room 1 for this consultation.

I understand that Ms. Colleen McKaughan, Associate Director for the Air Division in Region 9, has been in contact with your staff to schedule an individual meeting with you following the joint consultation session on December 10. We have reserved 10 AM for that meeting. I look forward to meeting with you on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Jared Blumenfeld