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Honorable Vigil A. Siow
Governor
Pueblo of Laguna
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Dear Governor Siow:

The purpose of this letter is to extend an invitation to the Pueblo of Laguna to conduct government-to-government consultation with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 regarding legacy uranium mining impacts in the Grants Mining District, specifically within the San Mateo Creek Basin area. The EPA anticipates proposing the San Mateo Creek Basin Uranium Legacy Site (the site) on the National Priorities List (NPL) around March 2018. The purpose of the consultation would be to provide information to the Pueblo's leadership about the listing, to solicit input, and also to request a letter of support for the NPL proposal of the San Mateo Creek Basin from the Pueblo of Laguna.

The consultation would be conducted in accordance with the *EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes*. EPA's anticipated timeline for the consultation and coordination would be from the date of this letter until January 12, 2018. During this time, EPA would request a meeting with Pueblo leadership for consultation and will continue to work at the staff level to provide information to the Pueblo's environmental staff.

We value the observations, insights and recommendations of the Pueblo's leaders and members, and pledge to remain engaged as we continue to investigate the groundwater in the San Mateo Creek Basin area. Should you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at (214) 665-6701, or your staff may contact LaDonna Turner at (214) 665-6666 or turner.ladonna@epa.gov. If you have any questions about the consultation process, please contact Randy Gee, Region 6 Office of Environmental Justice, Tribal and International Affairs, at (214) 665-8355.

Sincerely,

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