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Janet, I changed the first word to "yesterday" but if this goes out after today, we can change it back to "Monday." I'll leave the redline in your in-box for your reference.

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Yesterday our Region 9 colleagues announced the Agency's final plan (known as a federal implementation plan or FIP) to substantially reduce NOx emissions from the Navajo Generating Station (NGS) on tribal land in Arizona. This action, under the CAA Regional Haze program, will reduce NOx emissions by 80 percent and significantly improve visibility at 11 national parks and wilderness areas, including the Grand Canyon, Mesa Verde, Zion, Bryce Canyon and the Petrified Forest. A large portion of the NGS' power generation supports water movement to the Navajo Nation and other tribes in Arizona, nearby agricultural lands, and other areas, and tribal water rights and other trust responsibilities are implicated. It is truly one of the most complex situations I have ever been involved with.

Why is this such a noteworthy accomplishment? This is the culmination of years of extensive analysis and outreach with multiple stakeholders working to balance competing interests. The NGS is the largest coal plant west of the Mississippi, is located on tribal lands, employs over 500 Native Americans, and has six different owners - including DOI's Bureau of Reclamation, the Salt River Project, the LA Department of Water and Power, Arizona Public Service, NV Energy and Tucson Electric Power.

Another noteworthy part of this decision is that what we finalized was not our proposal, but an alternative developed by the Technical Work Group on NGS, made up of representatives from the Salt River Project, DOI, the Navajo Nation, the Gila River Indian Community, the Environmental Defense Fund and others. This group developed an agreement that formed the basis of a Supplemental Proposal last October. The agreement, known as "better than BART" (BART = Best Available Retrofit Technology) will allow more flexibility and provide lower lifetime emissions of NOx from this power plant. Region 9 held five public hearings across Arizona, including the Navajo and Hopi Reservations, held 50 tribal consultations, and sorted through over 77,000 comments. A big thanks to the Region 9 project lead, Anita Lee, and the many others in Region 9, OGC, and OAR contributed to the success of this effort**.**

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