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Here are my items for the weekly. Anita and Meredith can edit, if necessary.

Navajo Generating Station Public Hearings: During the week of November 11th, Region 9 held five public hearings across the State of Arizona to take comment on the two separate proposals for Navajo Generating Station (NGS). In February we proposed our Best Available Control Technology (BART) determination plus a " Better than BART" alternative that provided more time for compliance. In October we proposed another "Better than BART" alternative suggested by the owner/operator of NGS, Salt River Project (SRP), and a Technical Working Group (TWG) comprised of SRP, the Central Arizona Project (CAP), Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Navajo Nation, Gila River Indian Community, Environmental Defense Fund and Western Resource Advocates. The TWG alternative offered a shutdown of one unit in 2020 and controls on the remaining two units by 2030. The hearings began at the LeChee Chapter House on the Navajo Nation with the Regional Administrator, Jared Blumenfeld, in attendance. The other hearings were held in Page, on the Hopi Reservation, Phoenix, and Tucson. All five hearings were well-attended, with the largest number of participants in Phoenix. The traditional BART option (controls in 5 years) received support from environmental organizations, primarily Sierra Club and NPCA, and tribal environmental groups. The TWG proposal received support from the Technical Working Group members, Arizona electeds, the coal industry, tribal miners, cities and agriculture. The comment period on both EPA proposals is open until January 6, 2014. (Contacts: Colleen McKaughan, 520-498-0118; Anita Lee, 415-972-3958)

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