APPENDIX B: PUBLIC AND AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE

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Honorable Paul Chinana
Governor, Pueblo of Jemez
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Subject: Consultation Invitation Regarding the Bureau of Reclamation's Drought Emergency Water Wells for Carlsbad, Eunice, and Hagerman, New Mexico

Dear Governor Chinana:

Reclamation is preparing three Environmental Assessments (EAs) for the funding of drought wells for the Cities of Carlsbad and Eunice, and the Town of Hagerman. The purpose of the drought well for the City of Carlsbad is to provide a supplemental source of municipal water for the city to fully utilize their existing water rights by providing additional capacity and operational flexibility within the Sheep's Draw well field during a drought emergency. In addition, the proposed well would be outfitted with a secondary power source (e.g. natural gas or diesel powered generator) that could be used during a power outage to maintain the City's municipal water supply during an emergency.

The emergency drought water wells will also provide the City of Eunice and the Town of Hagerman a supplemental source of municipal water. These projects are needed due to the severe drought now gripping the southwest United States and the potential for the drought to continue for the indeterminate future.

The EAs will evaluate the potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts from these actions, from taking no action, and from any alternative actions that may be identified.

The purpose of this letter is to invite your tribe's involvement on a government-to-government basis to identify any concerns your tribe may have regarding the potential effects of the proposed drought wells on trust assets, cultural and biological resources, or tribal health and safety. Reclamation wants to ensure that you have an opportunity to help us identify and address any issues important to your tribe.

Reclamation will gladly provide any additional information needed by you or your staff about the proposed projects or to describe the EAs in further detail. For more information or to arrange a meeting, please contact Ms. Marsha Carra, Environmental Protection Specialist, at 505-462-3602.

Sincerely,

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for John R. Poland
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April 10, 2008

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Subject: Tribal Consultation Request. Proposing to construct Drought Emergency Water Wells for Carlsbad, Eunice, and Hagerman, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Poland:

Our apology for an oversight and missing the deadline date of our response to your request, please note that in reference to your letter of April 03, 2008, the Historic Preservation Department – Traditional Culture Program (HPD-TCP) received a request for consultation regarding the above undertaking and/or project. After reviewing your consultation documents, HPD-TCP has concluded the proposed undertaking/project area **will not impact** any Navajo traditional cultural properties or historical properties.

However, if there are any inadvertent discoveries made during the course of the undertaking, your agency shall cease all operations within the project area. HPD-TCP shall be notified by telephone within 24 hours and a formal letter be sent within 72 hours. All work shall be suspended until mitigation measures/procedures have been developed in consultation with the Navajo Nation.

The HPD-TCP appreciates your agency's consultation efforts, pursuant to 36 CFR Pt. 800.1 (c)(2)(iii). Should you have additional concerns and/or questions, do not hesitate to contact me. My contact information is listed below.

Sincerely,

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