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RE: Comments on the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project PR/DEIS

Mr. Leach,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project PR/DEIS. The following comments are being provided to you with the hope that they will help correct some outdated information in the Water Quality section of the document:

- 1) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved the Navajo Nation Surface Water Quality Standards (NNSWQS) in March of 2006. Our program now also has authority to issue Clean Water Act 401 Certifications for projects on the Navajo Nation.
- 2) The latest version of the NNSWQS is available on-line at <http://www.navajonationepa.org>. Changes to the designated uses and the associated standards for the San Juan River since the 1999 version was promulgated should be reflected in the PR/DEIS.
- 3) The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe's water quality standards have also been approved within the past few years. Scott Clow, a Water Quality Specialist with their Environmental Programs Department can be reached at 970-564-5431 for more specific information regarding their water quality standards.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 505-368-1037. Again, thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the PR/DEIS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen A. Austin", is written over a horizontal line.

Stephen A. Austin
Sr. Hydrologist

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