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To:

Secretary

From:

Brenda W. Burman

Secretary's Designee, Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group

Subject:

Report and Recommendations from the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive

Management Federal Advisory Committee

The Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) convened on May 22-23, 2008, in Phoenix, Arizona. As your designee and chairman of the AMWG and, in accordance with the Group's charter under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, I am submitting the following recommendation. Please note this recommendation is in addition to one submitted via a memo of July 8, 2008:

AMWG Recommendation: Consistent with the requirements of the "Final Environmental Assessment: Experimental Releases from Glen Canyon Dam, Arizona, 2008 through 2012" dated February 29, 2008, and the "Final Biological Opinion for the Operation of Glen Canyon Dam" dated February 27, 2008, the AMWG recommends to the Secretary of the Interior that the Department of the Interior proceed with the scientific work identified to study the steady flows planned for September and October 2008 as outlined in the May 20, 2008 memorandum from the Chief of the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center (GCMRC) to the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program stakeholders. AMWG further recommends to the Secretary that he direct the GCMRC by July 2009:

- Complete the design and development of a September/October Steady Flow Science Plan for 2009-2012, including recommended flow parameters.
- Work with the AMWG and TWG to establish measures of scientific success as part of the Science Plan.
- Report to the AMWG by June 1 of each year on the projects included in the Science Plan.

Please call me if you wish to discuss further.

cc: DOI Solicitor

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