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Subject: Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Glen Canyon Dam Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan, Coconino County, Arizona (EIS No. 20240024)

Dear Kathleen Callister:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the Bureau of Reclamation's above-referenced document pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) and our NEPA review authority under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. The CAA Section 309 role is unique to EPA. It requires EPA to review and comment publicly on any proposed federal action subject to NEPA's environmental impact statement requirement and to make its comments public.

The Bureau of Reclamation, in this Draft Supplemental EIS, analyzes additional flow options at Glen Canyon Dam to disrupt nonnative smallmouth bass that could threaten populations of threatened humpback chub below the dam. Additionally, Reclamation is considering adjusting sediment accounting periods and high-flow experimental implementation windows based on latest scientific information and environmental conditions. Reclamation signed a Record of Decision on the original Long-Term Experimental Management Plan in 2016, and proposed updates in a Draft Environmental Assessment in 2023 before this Draft Supplemental EIS was prepared.

Review Summary

The EPA did not identify significant public health, welfare, or environmental quality concerns to be addressed in the Final EIS.

The EPA appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and when the Final Supplemental EIS is available, please notify Stephanie Gordon at gordon.stephanies@epa.gov. If you have any questions, please contact me at prijatel.jean@epa.gov or (415) 947-4167.

Sincerely,

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