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Subject: Proposed NPDES Permits for Hunter's Point Boarding School (No. NN0110167), Seba Dalkai Boarding School (No. NN0110183), Nenahnezad Community School (No. NN0020800) and Torreon Navajo Day School (No. NN0030341)

Dear Ms. Romancito:

EPA has prepared draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, fact sheets, and the public notice for the facilities identified above. Copies are enclosed for your review.

The proposed permit renewals for the BIA Hunters Point Boarding School treatment lagoon system and BIA Seba Dalkai Boarding School treatment lagoon system are essentially identical to the previous permits.

The proposed draft permit for the BIA Nenahnezad facility includes new limits for five-day biochemical oxygen demand and total suspended solids. The new limits are based on Federal secondary treatment requirements, as explained in more detail in the fact sheet.

The previous permit for BIA Torreon Day School was terminated and, under federal regulations, the permit application for BIA Torreon is treated as a new discharge. Current federal secondary treatment requirements apply to this discharge as described in the fact sheet.

Please review the proposed NPDES permits and feel free to ask us any questions you may have. The public notice will appear in the legal section of the Navajo Time on March 12. All comments or objections received within 30 days from the date of this notice, which is April 11, 2009 will be retained and considered in the formulation of the final determinations regarding the permits. Please submit any comments on these permits to:

U.S. EPA Region 9
Attn: Linh Tran (WTR-5)
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

If you have any questions on the proposed permits or fact sheets, please do not hesitate to contact Linh Tran at (415) 972-3511.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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