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MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

From: Leslie A. Meyers
Area Manager

Subject: Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Public Review and Comment, and Schedule of Public Meetings, for the Navajo Generating Station–Kayenta Mine Complex (NGS-KMC) Project (Project) (Action by November 29, 2016)

The Bureau of Reclamation is issuing a *Federal Register* Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS on the proposed NGS-KMC Project on September 30, 2016. The Proposed Action in the EIS would provide Federal approvals and/or decisions necessary to continue the operation and maintenance of the NGS and associated facilities, the proposed Kayenta Mine Complex, and existing transmission systems for another 25 years, from December 23, 2019 through December 22, 2044, plus decommissioning.

The public review and comment period for Draft EIS will be from September 30, 2016 through November 29, 2016. Comments received during the public review and comment period will be considered before the EIS is finalized and the Secretary of the Interior makes a decision about the Proposed Action. Public meetings are scheduled to occur from October 24, 2016 through November 4, 2016, (details of these meetings are provided later in this memorandum).

The Draft EIS may be accessed on the Project website, <http://www.NGSKMC-EIS.net>. Additional information, including supplemental materials will be available on the project web site, as well.

A hard copy of the Draft EIS is available for public review and inspection at the following locations:

- Bureau of Reclamation, Phoenix Area Office, 6150 W. Thunderbird Road, Glendale, Arizona.
- Natural Resources Library, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Main Interior Building, Washington, DC.
- Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Regional Office, 301 West Hill Street, Gallup, New Mexico.
- Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement, Western Regional Office, 1999 Broadway Street, Suite 3320, Denver, Colorado.

- Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Headquarters, 691 Scenic View Road, Page, Arizona.
- Casa Grande Public Library, 449 N. Drylake Street, Casa Grande, Arizona.
- Hopi Tribal Headquarters, Main Lobby, 123 Main St., Kykotsmovi, Arizona.
- Navajo Nation Library, Highway 264 and Postal Loop Road, Window Rock, Arizona.
- LeChee Chapter House, 5 miles south of Page off of Coppermine Road, LeChee, Arizona.
- Tuba City Chapter House, 220 S. Main St., Tuba City, Arizona.
- Shonto Chapter House, E. Navajo Route 221, Shonto, Arizona.
- Kayenta Chapter House, Highway 163, Kayenta, Arizona.
- Forest Lake Chapter House, 17 miles north of Pinon on Navajo Route 41, Pinon, Arizona.

Reclamation is holding 11 open-house meetings to give the public an opportunity to ask questions about the Draft EIS and provide your comments on what you think is missing from, or not properly evaluated in, the EIS. Members of the public may arrive at any time during each open house scoping meeting; there will be an informal presentation one-half hour after the meeting begins. Project team members will be available to provide information and answer questions about the Draft EIS. Written comments will be accepted at the meetings, and court reporters will be present at all meetings to record oral comments. Navajo and Hopi interpreters will be present at the open house meetings as noted. The open house meeting schedule is as follows:

1. Monday, October 24, 2016, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Burton Barr Central Library, Pulliam Auditorium, 1221 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, Arizona.
2. Monday, October 24, 2016, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center, Dining Room, 405 E. Sixth St., Casa Grande, Arizona.
3. Tuesday, October 25, 2016, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Page Community Center, Cafeteria, 699 S. Navajo Dr., Page, Arizona. (Navajo interpreters present).
4. Wednesday, October 26, 2016, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., LeChee Chapter House, 5 miles south of Page off of Coppermine Road, LeChee, Arizona (Navajo interpreters present).
5. Wednesday, October 26, 2016, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tuba City Chapter House, 220 S. Main St., Tuba City, Arizona (Hopi and Navajo interpreters present).
6. Thursday, October 27, 2016, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shonto Chapter House, E. Navajo Route 221, Shonto, Arizona (Navajo interpreters present).
7. Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Monument Valley High School, Cafeteria, Highway 163 and Monument Valley Blvd., Kayenta, Arizona (Navajo interpreters present).

8. Wednesday, November 2, 2016, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tewa Community Center, Multipurpose Room, Highway 264 at Milepost 392.8, Polacca, Arizona (Hopi and Navajo interpreters present).
9. Wednesday, November 2, 2016, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Hopi Day School, Gym, ¼ mile east of the Village Store on Main St., Kykotsmovi, Arizona (Hopi and Navajo interpreters present).
10. Thursday, November 3, 2016, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Forest Lake Chapter House, 17 miles north of Pinon on Navajo Route 41, Pinon, Arizona (Navajo interpreters present).
11. Friday, November 4, 2016, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Navajo Nation Museum, Conference Room, Highway 264 and Postal Loop Road, Window Rock, Arizona (Navajo interpreters present).

If special assistance is required at the public meetings, please e-mail your assistance needs to NGSKMC-EIS@usbr.gov, along with your name and telephone number. Please indicate your needs at least 2 weeks in advance of the meeting to enable Reclamation to secure the needed services. The requestor will be notified if a request cannot be honored.

The public is encouraged to submit comments by the deadline of November 29, 2016. Regardless of whether you are able to participate in the open house meetings, you may send written comments via postal mail, hand delivery, or courier to:

NGS-KMC Project Manager, PXAO-1500
Bureau of Reclamation, Phoenix Area Office
6150 West Thunderbird Road Glendale, AZ 85306-4001

You also may fax your comments to 623-773-6483 or email your written comments to NGSKMC-EIS@usbr.gov. To ensure comments are considered in the preparation of the Final EIS, they must be postmarked by the end of the comment period on November 29, 2016.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you would like to receive a compact disc of the Draft EIS, please e-mail your request to NGSKMC-EIS@usbr.gov, and provide your name and mailing address. For more information regarding the EIS, please visit the Project website at <http://www.NGSKMC-EIS.net> or call Ms. Sandra Eto, at 623-773-6254.