



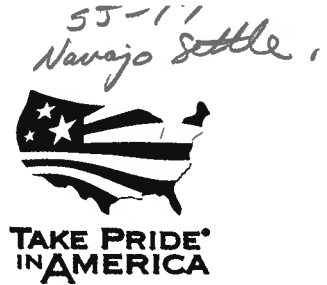
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Subject: Identification of Negotiation Teams for Draft Contract for Navajo Nation San Juan River Water Rights Settlement in New Mexico (Settlement Contract)


Dear Dr. Leeper:

In preparation for negotiating the subject contract, it will be necessary for both parties (Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the Navajo Nation (Nation)) to select and identify their respective negotiation teams. To that end, Reclamation's negotiation team will consist of Pat Page and Ryan Randol of the Western Colorado Area Office in Durango, Mike Loring of our Regional Office in Salt Lake City, and John Bezdek with the Department of Interior Solicitor's Office in Washington D.C. Please let us know who will be on the Nation's negotiation team and inform us in writing prior to contract negotiations.

A technical meeting with the Nation to address expectations of both parties, identify any major fundamental concerns or issues you may have with the draft contract, and determine the schedule, location, and process for conducting the negotiation meetings has been set for August 4, 2009, at 10:00 am, at Reclamation's Farmington Office.

We look forward to working with you and the Nation on this very important component of the Navajo Nation's San Juan River Water Rights Settlement in New Mexico. Should you have any questions or desire additional information, please contact Pat Page at 970-385-6560.

Sincerely,


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