



## STATE OF ARIZONA

June 21, 2010

The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson  
Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

### RE: NAVAJO GENERATING STATION/STATE OF ARIZONA

Dear Administrator Jackson,

The Navajo Generating Station (NGS), located on Navajo Nation Lands, serves both as a critical economic engine for the Hopi and Navajo tribes as well as a crucial lifeline for the entirety of Arizona, where it provides for much of the state's water and energy needs.

The proposed rule put forth by your agency, which may require the installation of additional air quality control technology at NGS, is of great concern to all of us.

As you contemplate the hundreds of comments submitted by the tribes, governmental entities, utility companies, the public and other interested stakeholders, we ask that you consider not only visibility improvements from the control options, but also the true and total cost of achieving such improvements. Should NGS be forced to close under this new regulation, we would lose a critical resource for our state. Again: NGS not only provides for the economic well being of the Hopi Tribe and the Navajo Nation, it also meets essential needs in the provision of electric power and cost-effective delivery of water throughout Arizona. Quite simply, closure of the NGS would likely bring about dire consequences to an economy that is already suffering.

We ask that you examine closely all of the comments and analysis prepared by the many stakeholders. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ken Bennett  
Secretary of State

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