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Mr. Stephen B. Etsitty, Director  
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Subject: Recommendation for No Further Action for the Former Underground Storage Tank Site at the Kayenta Motors, Kayenta, AZ (NAV-172)

Dear Mr. Etsitty:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region 9 has completed our review of the report – *Removal of Underground Storage Tanks, Kayenta Motors*, dated November 2008. The report described the activities undertaken to remove and treat the petroleum contaminated soil (PCS) at the Kayenta Motors site. These activities were undertaken and funded by the Navajo Nation EPA special revenue fund. The work was performed by iina'ba, Inc. of Farmington, New Mexico.

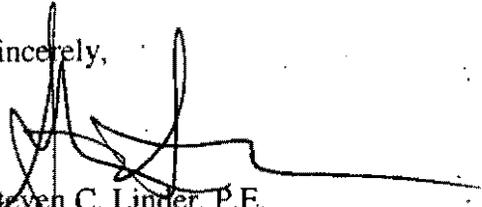
In August 2007, two USTs, their associated piping, and dispensers were removed from the site and a petroleum hydrocarbon release to the soil was documented. During the 2007 site assessment, PCS was removed, however not all of the contamination was taken out of the pit. The UST removal and site assessment were described in the report – *Underground Storage Tank Removal, Old Kayenta Motors and Supply* dated October 2007. The work was performed by Ironhorse Environmental Services, Inc. of Window Rock, Arizona.

The 2008 site closure activities were designed to remove the remaining PCS from the site. Approximately, 145 cubic yards of PCS was removed and disposed in a Subtitle D landfill. Two soil samples were taken from the bottom of the excavated pits and the analytical results for petroleum hydrocarbons and constituents were below both NNEPA and US EPA screening levels for soil. Clean soil was imported to the site to backfill the excavation. Groundwater was not encountered during this investigation.

Based on the findings presented in the subject report, EPA Region 9 recommends that this site be closed without additional action. My staff has reviewed the findings in the report with Henry Haven of the NNEPA UST Program and Mr. Haven concurs with this

recommendation. If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this letter, please contact Carl Warren of my staff at (415) 972-3355.

Sincerely,



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