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**Site Assessment Reports for LUST Sites on the Hopi Reservation and
San Carlos Apache Reservation**

Dear Mr. Ruth:

The United States Environmental Protection (EPA) Agency (Region 9) has completed our review of the EPA Work Assignment (WA) B-6 (Contract No. 68-W-01-057) Site Assessment Reports for the Hopi and the San Carlos Apache Tribes dated December 2005. The Site Assessment Reports detailed the activities undertaken at nine former Underground Storage Tank (UST) facilities. Two separate reports were submitted covering each tribe's sites. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with EPA Region 9's comments on the Site Assessment Reports.

The objectives of the B-6 WA were to conduct site assessments and to evaluate the presence or absence of underground storage tanks (UST's) and petroleum hydrocarbons release into the soil and groundwater at two Hopi sites and nine San Carlos sites. In addition, all identified UST's and associated piping were to be removed and soil samples were to be taken in the excavated area. The samples were to be taken in accordance with the work plans, which were approved by EPA Region 9. All of the investigated-derived waste, piping and UST's were to be properly disposed at an authorized disposal facilities.

A review of the analytical data for all nine sites reported no indication of petroleum contamination in the soil excavated from the sites or in the soil beneath the UST's or the associated piping. Based on the data presented in the reports, EPA Region 9 recommends that the sites be closed and that no further actions be taken to assess these facilities.

After receiving this letter, send two copies of the above reference reports to both the Hopi and San Carlos Tribes include a copy of this letter with your submittals. In addition, send EPA Region 9 a hard (2 copies) and electronic copy of the final reports. In your cover letter to the tribes, state that the enclosed reports represent the final investigations for the enclosed sites. If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact Mr. Carl Warren of my staff at (415) 972-3355.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Linder', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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