Tim Grant just called to tell me that EPA is unable to meet until late August or early September with Greenaction, tribal members and the Indigenous Environmental Network about our concerns with EPA practices at the Gila River Indian Community and Colorado River Indian Tribes.

It seems EPA does not consider these concerns a priority, when in fact they are about violations of environmental justice and trust responsibility by EPA itself.

We have been requesting this meeting for a very long time now to discuss matters of extreme concern and urgency. Further delay is unacceptable.

I had hoped that this meeting could have taken place before tomorrow night's EPA meeting at the Colorado River Indian Tribes.
This would have been important in light of:
        * EPA's letting Westates off the hook without one penny in fines for many violations that took place 18 months ago
        * EPA has decided to ignore the apparent violation of perjury and conflict of interest laws by the facility that several years ago submitted a risk analysis document written by a sister company
        * EPA has failed to publicly criticize Westates for misrepresenting their emissions to the tribal community
        * EPA dragged their feet in processing the RCRA Part B application for years, resulting in this polluter operating without public or EPA scrutiny for all that time
        * EPA continues to dump on the people and land of CRIT by sending superfund wastes from around the country to this facility despite the serious environmental justice and trust responsibility concerns being raised by tribal members.

I am now requesting a meeting with you, the Regional Administrator and Laura Yoshii (and IEN and tribal members) immediately to discuss these concerns. It is not ok to wait yet another month while tribal communities continue to be polluted (and dumped on by EPA itself) by facilities supposedly regulated by your agency. I look forward to your response and to a productive solution-oriented meeting.
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