

EXHIBIT 1



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION IX  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

October 30, 2012

Certified Mail No. 7008 3230 0000 3863 1437  
Return Receipt Requested

David Bloomfield, Plant Manager  
Four Corners Power Plant  
P. O. Box 355, MS 4913  
Fruitland, NM 87416

**RE: APS Four Corners Power Plant NPDES Application for Permit Renewal  
(Permit No. NN0000019)**

Dear Mr. Bloomfield

This office timely received the original application for renewal of the above referenced NPDES permit in late 2005 as well as subsequent updates to it, allowing the facility to operate under an administrative extension of the currently expired permit.

Since much time has elapsed since you submitted the original application for renewal, and there have been, or likely will be, significant changes in operations including removal of several units from service and changes in wastewater disposal methods and locations, etc., USEPA recommends that you to submit a fully revised application that reflects current operations, as well as future plans for the next permit cycle, i.e. for the next five years, for the facility.

This office will review the application, as well as other relevant information, and plans to draft and issue a renewed NPDES permit for the APS Four Corners Power Plant in 2013. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Sheth of this office at (415) 972-3516 or at [sheth.gary@epa.gov](mailto:sheth.gary@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Tiger" with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Smith, Manager  
NPDES Permits Office, WTR-5

cc: Carl Woolfolk, Environmental Section Leader, APS Four Corners Power Plant.  
Patrick Antonio, NNEPA, Water Quality/NPDES Program.