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Gary Sheth
CWA Standards and Permits Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Navajo Nation Certification (Project ID No. 2018-0076SR) NPDES Permit No. NN0020621 Navajo Tribal Utility Authority – Shiprock WWTP

Dear Mr. Sheth:

Navajo EPA's Water Quality/NPDES Program has examined the NPDES permit application for the new Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) wastewater treatment plant in Shiprock, NM to discharge treated domestic wastewater into the San Juan River. Compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit will provide reasonable assurance that the permitted activities will be conducted in a manner that will not violate applicable water quality standards.

The Navajo Nation certifies that the discharge will comply with the applicable provisions of the Clean Water Act Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 and with appropriate requirements of Navajo Nation law. In order to meet the requirements of Navajo Nation law, including water quality standards, each of the conditions cited in the draft permit and the Navajo Nation certification shall not be made less stringent.

Please contact Patrick Antonio if you have any questions concerning this certification.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Ben, Environmental Department Manager

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