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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ronnie Ben" followed by a circled "for" in parentheses.

Ronnie Ben, Environmental Department Manager  
Surface and Ground Water Protection Department  
Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency

xc: Rex Kontz, Deputy General Manager, NTUA, P.O. Box 170, Ft. Defiance, AZ 86504  
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