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**Re: Environmental Analysis of the Proposed Blythe II Energy Power Plant in Riverside County, California**

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Director  
Cocopah Museum  
Cocopah Indian Tribe  
County 15 and Avenue G  
Somerton, AZ 85350

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Cocopah Tribal Council  
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Chairman  
Campo Band of Mission Indians  
36190 Church Road  
Suite 1  
Campo, CA 91906

**Re: Environmental Analysis of the Proposed Blythe II Energy Power Plant in Riverside County, California**

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Colorado River Indian Tribes Museum  
Colorado River Indian Tribes  
Route 1, Box 23-B  
Parker, AZ 85344-1899

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Mohave Elders Committee  
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Cultural Reservation Coordinator  
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**Re: Environmental Analysis of the Proposed Blythe II Energy Power Plant in Riverside County, California**

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Ms. Loretta Jackson  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Office of Cultural Resources  
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Mr. Charles Vaughn  
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Hualapai Tribal Council  
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Ms. Brenda Drye  
Director  
Cultural Resource Department  
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**Re: Environmental Analysis of the Proposed Blythe II Energy Power Plant in Riverside County, California**

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Director  
Department of Natural Resources  
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Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

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Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation  
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President  
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Mr. Anthony Madrigal, Sr.  
Cultural Director  
Environmental Council  
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47250 Dillon Road  
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Cultural Resource Office  
Salt River Pima-Mariocpa Indian Community  
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Scottsdale, AZ 85256

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Ms. Joni Ramos  
President  
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community  
10005 East Osborn Road  
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**Re: Environmental Analysis of the Proposed Blythe II Energy Power Plant in Riverside County, California**

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Director  
Cultural Resources  
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**Re: Environmental Analysis of the Proposed Blythe II Energy Power Plant in Riverside County, California**

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Director  
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**Re: Environmental Analysis of the Proposed Blythe II Energy Power Plant in Riverside County, California**

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Commission in Sacramento, California, or at the Commission's Evidentiary Hearings, tentatively scheduled for August 1 and 2, 2005, in Blythe, California.

Please see the enclosed hearing notice, which includes more details about participating the Commission's hearing process. Western will not be a party in the Commission's hearing process, but will consider all substantive public comments received on the FSA/Draft EA during the Commission's hearing process in preparing its Final EA.

Western is the lead agency for consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, with the California State Historic Preservation Office under section 106 of the NHPA, and with other interested parties. Western has also taken the lead in consulting with interested Tribes.

Cultural resources are among the various environmental resources being considered in our analysis of the proposed project. We want to ensure that any important cultural and natural resources and or places with traditional cultural significances for your Tribe, within the project area are considered and addressed in Western's Final Environmental Assessment and in NHPA consultations. Even though environmental issues for the BEP II project area were previously considered during the assessment for BEP I, since they both fall in the same footprint, we still wanted to ensure that you have an opportunity to be involved in this project. We will be contacting you regarding your interest in this project and if a meeting or site visit would be beneficial for your understanding and participation in this project. Western has retained Ms. Clair Green to assist in tribal consultations; her phone number is (406) 547-3639.

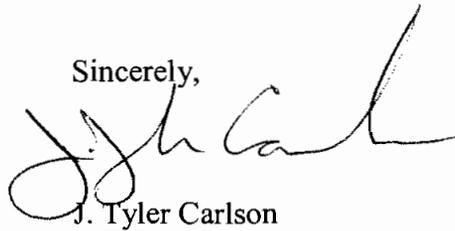
Comments regarding the FSA/Draft EA or any others regarding the project can be addressed to either individual below.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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