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IN REPLY REFER TO:
Office of the Superintendent

SEP 18 2014

Honorable Ronnie Lupe, Chairman
White Mountain Apache Tribe
P.O. Box 700
Whiteriver, Arizona 85941

RE: Use of Escrow Funds for Sawmill Site Remediation

Dear Mr. Lupe:

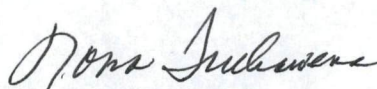
We have received your request dated July 25, 2014 to approve release of \$6,775.00 from escrow funds to undertake remaining environmental remediation work at the Tribe's sawmill site. According to the proposal from Terracon Consultants, Inc., dated July 11, 2014, the proposal is to use the funds indicated to complete an Asbestos Operations and Management Plan, a Soil Management Plan, and Transformer Sampling based upon findings and recommendations of a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment and Asbestos Survey (Terracon Project No. 65137354).

The proposed scope falls within item 5 listed in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Tribe and BIA, dated August 30, 2013. In order for the BIA to approve the release of the requested funds, we request a copy and the opportunity to review the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment apparently conducted in December 2013, and the Asbestos Survey, dated October 25, 2013. Additionally, we request a meeting and site visit with Terracon and applicable Tribal staff to discuss past and future activities at the sawmill as they relate to the MOA.

Additionally, there are two items listed in the MOA, including an expanded environmental compliance audit and property/facility condition assessment, that are yet to be performed. As discussed during the development of the MOA, the Tribe wants to conduct various facility improvements before these reviews are conducted. BIA requests notification of when these outstanding items will be completed, along with copies of final assessments and reports.

Please contact Juliette Jeanne, Fort Apache Agency Environmental Protection Specialist at 928-338-5356, or John F. Krause, Western Regional Environmental Scientist at 602-379-3723 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nora Indurana".

Superintendent

Cc: Honorable Kasey Velasquez, Vice-Chairman, WMAT
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