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Bureau of Land Management
Attn: Mr. Scott Cooke
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Dear Mr. Cooke:

As you are no doubt aware, real property you manage is located adjacent to the Cholla Power Plant, in particular the Bottom Ash Pond disposal area used by APS to manage coal combustion residuals ("CCR") generated by the plant.

The CCR Rule 40 C.F.R. Sec 257.95(g)(2) requires that APS notify the owners of neighboring property where we have identified levels of certain CCR constituents in groundwater that are in excess of federal CCR groundwater protection standards. We conducted these notifications in June 2019. However, due to an error in county assessor records, APS inadvertently notified the incorrect managing federal agency (the United States Forest Service). This letter serves as notification of the correct federal agency (the Bureau of Land Management) for the federal land located adjacent to our facility.

Based on the results of groundwater quality sampling performed on APS property near certain Cholla CCR disposal areas, we believe that groundwater containing cobalt in excess of federal groundwater protection standards has migrated beneath your property. At this time, we know of no reason to believe that these conditions pose a threat to human health or the environment. The contamination is limited to groundwater in the alluvial aquifer that is not used for drinking water. Nonetheless, out of an abundance of caution and to comply with federal CCR management regulations, we have assessed various corrective measures that could be used to remediate groundwater containing CCR constituents resulting from the Cholla Bottom Ash Pond. In July 2019, we published a written report of this assessment to the APS website, aps.com. At least 30 days prior to selecting a remedy to address these conditions, we will host a public meeting to discuss this assessment of corrective measures.

We welcome your input as we consider our options for corrective measures. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or comments about these conditions.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Nicosia".

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