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COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES

Mohave Elders Committee

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Mr. Aaron Yue, Project Manager
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Dear Mr. Yue:

On behalf of the Mohave Elders of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, we are requesting a 30 day extension for the comment period for the Environmental Impact Report related to the remediation process for chromium contamination caused by PG&E. In particular, we had submitted a request for a Mohave interpreter to be present at your June meeting in Parker, but none was present. I made this request so that our elders would be able to comprehend what is involved in this process so that they could fully participate. A Fort Mojave elder had made a similar request for an interpreter to be present at both the Parker and Lake Havasu meetings. She was also concerned that none was available and believed this created the circumstances, which allowed for minimal participation. In fact, we had only one tribal member present at the Parker meeting because of the minimal outreach effort to our community. We have repeatedly expressed our concern that information from your office was not reaching the tribal community and the minimal meeting participation to date reflects the veracity of my concern here.

Something that has not been expressed but has been an ever present limitation to us has been the vast amounts of technical data that we have to be able to comprehend and analyze in order to make comment. We have not had any assistance in this respect from the lead agencies or PG&E and this has had a serious impact on our ability to formally participate in this process. This needs to be a consideration in our request for an extension.

Also, if the deadline is extended we would request another session to make comment and for the full community at CRIT to participate. We believe this would provide you with valuable and insightful information as to our real concerns without the filter of local governments. We offer our assistance in planning and hosting a successful session with your agency that includes a Mohave interpreter.

Thanking you in advance for your kind consideration of our formal request to your agency.

Sincerely,

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Daphne Hill-Poolaw, Chairperson
Mohave Elders