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Gary Sheth (WTR-5) CWA NPDES Permits Office U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region IX 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Navajo Nation Certification (Project ID No. 2018-0079TC) NPDES Permit No. NN0030344 NTUA Twin Arrows Navajo Resort & Casino Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)

Dear Mr. Sheth:

Navajo EPA's Water Quality/NNPDES Program has examined the 401 Water Quality Certification application, the NPDES permit application, and supporting documents for the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) to discharge treated wastewater from the Twin Arrows Navajo Resort and Casino WWTP into an unnamed wash prior to flowing into Padre Canyon. Compliance with the terms and conditions of the NPDES 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,

this (for)

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 File