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John St. Clair, Chairman
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Lloyd Goggles, Chairman
Northern Arapaho Tribe
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Mike Ute, Commissioner
Wind River Environmental Commission
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Re: Minor Modification – Steamboat Butte Fields, NPDES Permit No. WY-0033740

Dear Chairmen St. Clair and Goggles and Commissioner Ute:

On December 30, 2022, Steven M. Siros, counsel for the Eastern Shoshone Tribe and the Northern Arapaho Tribe (the Tribes) sent EPA a Transfer and Assumption Agreement between Merit Energy, LLC and the Tribes to transfer the Steamboat Butte Fields NPDES permit (WY-0033740) to the Tribes effective January 1, 2023. In a second Transfer and Assumption Agreement from Steven M. Siros sent to EPA on January 5, 2023, EPA was notified of the Tribes' request to transfer the permit from the Tribes to the Wind River Energy Commission (WREC) effective January 1, 2023. Because these requests were not submitted 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer, the transfer is not automatically effective. To effectuate this modification, EPA is hereby modifying the NPDES permit # WY-0033740 for the Steamboat Butte Fields to transfer the permit to the WREC. The cover page of the permit has been updated to reflect the new permittee and the effective date of January 13, 2023, and the updated permit is enclosed. Because this modification is a minor modification, it does not require a public notice period.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the enclosed permit, please contact Qian Zhang of my staff at (303) 312-6267 or zhang.qian@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Darcy O'Connor, Director
Water Division

Enclosure

cc: Dean Goggles, Northern Arapaho Tribe Environmental Director
Kilo St. John, Eastern Shoshone Tribal Water Engineer