



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

Dear

We are pleased to invite you and your tribal members to consult with us on energy corridors being considered for designation on Federal lands as outlined in Section 368 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAAct). The Project Team (described below) is preparing a preliminary map of energy corridors that we would like to discuss with you in person. A copy of the most recent working draft of this map is enclosed for your advance information and review.

EPAAct, P.L. 109-58, Section 368, directs the Secretaries of Agriculture, Defense, Energy and the Interior to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) to evaluate issues associated with the designation of energy corridors on federal lands in the eleven Western States.

A 60-day public scoping period for the PEIS started with the publication of the "Notice of Intent" in the Federal Register on September 28, 2005, and ended on November 28, 2005. Public scoping meetings were held in each of the 11 Western States during the period of October 25, 2005, to November 3, 2005. The scoping report has been completed and is available on the EIS web site at www.corridoreis.anl.gov.

We are arranging follow-up meetings, as described below, with Tribes to discuss any concerns you might have regarding these corridors. We want to assure you that the Federal agencies will continue to engage in government-to-government consultation at the local level on issues with tribal implications.

The Project Team for the PEIS is composed of representatives from the four Federal agencies and senior staff of Argonne National Laboratory, the contractor assisting us with the preparation of the PEIS. Argonne will provide technical assistance and administrative support to the tribal consultation process. Comments from Tribal leaders and their constituents will be collected by Argonne and then forwarded to the federal agencies for their response.

Accordingly, the Team, on behalf of the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Energy and the Interior, extends this invitation to you or your designated representative(s) to meet with us at whichever of the following meetings is most convenient for you:



- Monday, May 9: **Portland, Oregon 97204**
Oregon-Washington State Office
Bureau of Land Management (U.S. Dept. of the Interior)
333 SW 1st Avenue
Tel. 503-808-6026
- Friday, May 12: **Sacramento, California 95815**
Radisson Hotel
500 Leisure Lane
Tel. 916-922-2020
- Monday, May 15: **Las Vegas, Nevada 89130**
Las Vegas Field Office
Bureau of Land Management (U.S. Dept. of the Interior)
4701 Torrey Pines Drive
Tel. 702-515-5000
- Tuesday, May 23: **Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107**
Albuquerque Field Office
Bureau of Land Management (U.S. Dept. of the Interior)
435 Montano Road, NE
Tel. 505-761-8700
- Thursday, May 25: **Denver, Colorado**
Rocky Mountain Regional Office
U.S. Forest Service (U.S. Dept. of Agriculture)
740 Simms Street
Golden, CO 80401
Tel. 303-275-5350

All of these meetings will begin at 10:00 am local time, and will continue as long as required into the afternoon, with a break at noon. However, lunch will not be provided. Please confirm your availability to join us, including the city of your choice, by Monday, May 1, 2006, to Ms. Janet Lyons, Government-to-Government Meetings, West-wide Corridor Study, Argonne National Laboratory, Building 900, 9700 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4832. Ms. Lyons' phone number is 630-252-4587 and her e-mail address is JLyons@anl.gov.

Your participation in the consultation process is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Kolevar', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kevin M. Kolevar
Director, Office of Electricity Delivery
and Energy Reliability

encl.: Working draft corridor map