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SENT VIA EMAIL
DIGITAL READ RECEIPT REQUESTED

John St. Clair, Chairman
Eastern Shoshone Tribe
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Jordan Dresser, Chairman
Northern Arapaho Tribe
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Mike Ute, Commissioner
Wind River Environmental Commission
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Re: Minor Modification – Circle Ridge Field NPDES Permit No. WY-0000949

Dear Chairmen St. Clair and Dresser and Commissioner Ute:

In a May 1, 2021 letter, Merit Energy Company notified EPA it was transferring the Circle Ridge Field NPDES permit (WY-0000949) to the Eastern Shoshone Tribe and the Northern Arapaho Tribe (the Tribes) effective June 1, 2021. Because this notification was provided at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer and met the other transfer requirements in Section 4.13 of the permit, this transfer is automatically effective on June 1, 2021.

In a May 18, 2021 letter from Steven M. Siros, counsel for the Tribes, EPA was notified of the Tribes request to transfer the permit from the Tribes to the Wind River Energy Commission (WREC) effective June 1, 2021. A transfer agreement was enclosed. Because this request was 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-0000949 for the Circle Ridge Field 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, and the updated permit is enclosed. Because this modification is a minor modification, it does not require a public notice period.

Should 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,

Humberto Garcia, Acting Director
Water Division

Enclosure

cc: Dean Goggles, Northern Arapaho Tribe Environmental Director
Brandon Reynolds, Eastern Shoshone Tribal Water Engineer