

APPENDIX E

SAMPLE NOTIFICATION LETTERS

Example Letter 1: to local jurisdictions / agencies

Dear (Agency/Local Chapter Government):

As part of the wellhead protection program for the Diné Water Company, we are hereby informing you of the findings of our wellhead protection area delineation. This is in accordance with Navajo Nation Primary Drinking Water Regulations §1700.

Our company has 450 service connections, and serves a population of approximately 1,071 people. The NNEPA PWSSP has given our system a rating of "highly vulnerable". This means our drinking water supply is very vulnerable to contamination.

The enclosed map shows the 1, 5, and 10 year time of travel boundaries for our wellhead protection area. Any ground water contamination that occurs within this wellhead protection area has a high potential to reach our well. It is therefore of utmost importance to us that all reasonable steps be taken to ensure that land use activities within this area do not contaminate our customers' drinking water supplies.

Thank you for your support in protecting our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Example Letter 2: to Potential Source Owners/Operators

Dear (Owner/Operator):

In order to protect the drinking water supply for the customers of the Diné Water System, we are developing a wellhead protection program in accordance with NNEPA NNPDWR requirements. As part of our wellhead protection program, we mapped the area overlying the short term recharge zone of our drinking supply wells. This is called our wellhead protection area.

Following the mapping of the wellhead protection area, we conducted an inventory of potential sources of ground water contamination within the area. The nature of your business, and its location within our wellhead protection area, means that your activities have the potential to affect our customers' drinking water supply.

We have notified the regulatory agency(ies) that regulates your type of business/facility of your presence within our wellhead protection area. You should contact them to request technical assistance to help manage your business in a way that will best prevent ground water contamination. We realize you are already careful to protect the environment as you conduct your business. We hope that informing you of your location in our wellhead protection area will result in an increase in precautions to ensure that your activities will not impact our drinking water quality.

Sincerely,