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Dear Mr. Gardner and Mr. Johnson:

March 8, 2012

The Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Arizona State Office has received your joint letters dated February 6, 2012, addressed to the Secretary of the Interior and other officials of both the BLM and U.S. Forest Service and signed by both Washington and Mohave Counties. Please consider this response on behalf of all officials named in your letters.

We appreciate your concern and the attention you have given the Northern Arizona Uranium withdrawal. You have requested verification of quality of data and information disseminated in the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the withdrawal, pursuant to the Data Quality Act. Additionally, a Regulatory Flexibility Act analysis of economic impacts on small Government entities and small businesses throughout the AZ/UT Local Economic Coalition member counties and towns and a Takings Implication Assessment(s) pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 12630 (Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights).

Please be advised that the Regulatory Flexibility Act and EO 12630 Takings analyses apply only to rulemakings, the development of new regulations and, in the case of EO 12630/Takings, Federal governmental actions or policy statements related to physically invading or occupying private property. Neither of these issues is applicable to the decision on the withdrawal and will not be analyzed further.
In regards to your request for verification of quality of data and information disseminated in the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the withdrawal, this letter serves as your notification that we acknowledge the receipt of your request and we will provide you with a determination of our findings within 60 days, as required by the Data Quality Act.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Florence, District Manager, Arizona Strip District Office, at 435-688-3200.

Sincerely,

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