

Sample Letter (please personalize and tell the EPA how they need to impose limitations on Desert Rock's proposed carbon dioxide emissions and not allow Desert Rock to be the first coal-fired power approved under the Johnson Memorandum):

Mr. Joe Lapka
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street (Air-3)
San Francisco, California 94105

Dear Mr. Lapka,

I am writing to you in response to the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 request for public comment on revisions to its basis for issuing a Prevention of Significant Deterioration permit (AZP 04-01) authorizing construction of the Desert Rock Energy Facility (Desert Rock) 1,500 MW coal fired power plant on Navajo Nation land southwest of Farmington, New Mexico.

First and foremost, I believe that the Environmental Protection Agency has the authority to regulate greenhouse gases and should impose strict controls on the proposed Desert Rock emissions of 12.7 million tons per year of carbon dioxide. Please revise the entire Prevention of Significant Deterioration permit for Desert Rock to evaluate control technologies for carbon dioxide emissions.

Secondly, please immediately rescind the December 18, 2008 Johnson Memorandum which runs counter to *Mass v. EPA* and therefore illegally set forth the notion that the EPA does not have to consider limitations on carbon dioxide emissions from power plants. The outgoing Bush administration set forth the rationale for not limiting carbon dioxide emissions for coal-fired power plants.

The new administration has the opportunity to set the Environmental Protection Agency on the right course in overseeing environmental policies and public health protection that address greenhouse gas emissions. I believe that the Clean Air Act requires the EPA to limit greenhouse gas emissions from coal-fired power plants and so does the U.S. Supreme Court. We cannot afford to permit new coal plants that would vastly increase carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. Southwest.

Sincerely,

Name,

address,

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