

PUBLIC HEALTH, PARKS, FAITH, AND NAVAJO CLEAN ENERGY SUPPORTERS SAY “NO MORE DELAYS” IN REDUCING POLLUTION FROM NGS COAL PLANT

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*****Media Advisory for Thursday, November 14*****

Phoenix – A coalition of Navajo clean energy supporters, health advocates, and conservationists are delivering a message to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) asking for “No More Delays” in cleaning up one of the biggest polluters in Arizona. The media event will coincide with the EPA’s November 14 open house in Phoenix on plans to address Navajo Generating Station (NGS) coal pollution. The open house is followed by a public hearing.

As the EPA considers plans to reduce haze forming pollution from NGS to meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act, a Technical Work Group (TWG) has offered up an alternative plan that poses significant problems including: proposed delays, lack of enforceability, and lack of a clear pathway to a clean energy transition. While there is now a growing consensus recognizing that pollution from the massive Navajo Generating Station coal plant must be addressed to protect human health and to restore the splendor of Grand Canyon National Park and seven other national parks, major concerns remain. The TWG proposal being pushed by Salt River Project (SRP) lacks a clear enforceable path to end coal’s dirty legacy in the region.

What: “No More Delays” on Pollution Reduction Plans for NGS Plant news conference

Who: Arizona coalition including Navajo tribal members, health advocates, clean energy supporters, and conservationists

Speakers: Rev. Doug Bland (Arizona Interfaith Power and Light); Sandy Bahr (Sierra Club); Elsa Johnson (Navajo tribal member), Bret Fanshaw (Environment Arizona), and Dr. George Thurston (Professor of Environmental Medicine at the NYU School of Medicine).

Where: Just outside the EPA’s open house (South meeting rooms, 164-167) at the Phoenix Convention Center, 100 N. 3rd St., Phoenix

When: Thursday, November 14th, 4:30 p.m.

Visuals: Banners and Posters of NGS pollution

Utilities across the country and in the Southwest are ending their use of coal, primarily because of the high economic risks coal-fired energy represents. Utilities in California and Nevada are ending their use of power from coal plants entirely meanwhile New Mexico is locking in retirements of several coal units. Their exit is an important opportunity for SRP to begin an orderly transition to a clean energy future while cleaning up Arizona's air. Local groups are calling for action on these emerging opportunities in support of a clear enforceable commitment that meets the standards of the Clean Air Act.

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