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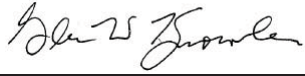
Dear Interested Party,

In this letter you will find the current schedule for drafting the Glen Canyon Dam Long Term Experimental and Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement (LTEMP EIS). We hope this helps you plan for key involvement periods and have dates on your calendar with sufficient advance notice. Opportunities for public involvement are noted below with an asterisk and in bold.

- Alternatives Development Phase - The lead agencies will create working draft alternatives for the project using the preliminary alternative concepts and the input that we received at the public workshop on April 4-5, 2012 in Flagstaff, AZ. During this phase, we will accept ideas or input from the public for additional alternatives though it is not a formal comment period. We will, if requested and as appropriate, provide technical assistance to stakeholders developing alternatives. We are providing this opportunity to ensure an open and transparent process, and provide additional opportunities for public involvement.
- May - Internal Meetings - We will have several internal project meetings in May to formulate draft alternatives and incorporate ideas for what elements should be common to all alternatives. We will continue to compile a comprehensive literature review, write background chapters for the EIS, begin preliminary analysis to revise draft alternatives and assess how well draft alternatives fit the purpose and need, and gather available data for the project from interdisciplinary teams.
- June Cooperating Agency Review of Alternatives. In June, the lead agencies will present draft alternatives to the Cooperating Agencies and solicit comments from them.
- ****July 2, 2012—Deadline for submitting additional alternatives.** In May and June, we will accept ideas or input from the public for additional alternatives. To ensure adequate time to fully consider alternative new ideas and ensure that all alternatives are evaluated at the same time, using the same process and criteria, we ask that you submit your input by July 2, 2012.
- After July 2nd, we will review and evaluate the alternatives suggested by the public and/or cooperators along with those developed by the joint lead agencies, and will begin the full analysis phase of the Draft EIS.
- ****August 22-23, 2012—Public Presentation.** We are planning a public presentation in Flagstaff, AZ and online. Scientists from the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center will present the science most relevant to the LTEMP project and we will also present the alternatives to be analyzed in the draft EIS. A newsletter will be posted on the project website in advance. This will be an informational meeting. Time will be reserved for questions and answers, but we will not be soliciting or recording comments.
- Late Summer/Fall 2012. Most of the analysis and writing of the draft EIS will occur during this period.
- ****Public Draft EIS. We expect to have a public Draft EIS available in February or March 2013 for a 60-day public review and comment period.**

Please look for updated information on our website at <http://ltempeis.anl.gov>.

Sincerely,



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