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Mr. John Weisheit
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Dear Mr. Weisheit:

On behalf of Secretary Salazar, I am responding to your letter of April 2, 2012, regarding the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) on the Glen Canyon Dam Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan (LTEMP). I thank you for your comments, and hope you will continue to participate throughout the LTEMP EIS process. I am fully confident of the ability and integrity of the interagency team responsible for this effort, and do not intend to suspend their activities.

The LTEMP EIS is being jointly led by the Bureau of Reclamation and the National Park Service, with numerous cooperating agencies. Together these agencies will work to complete a thorough EIS in an open and transparent manner, seeking input from a wide variety of organizations, such as the ones you represent. We are committed to unbiased consideration of a spectrum of alternatives, with the goal of ensuring compliance with applicable law and, within that framework, achieving a balance of the complex set of interests associated with the operations of Glen Canyon Dam.

We appreciate your participation in the LTEMP EIS Alternatives Development Workshop held on April 4-5, 2012 in Flagstaff, Arizona. We believe that the public workshop, while not required by NEPA regulations, provided our team with valuable public input, and is indicative of the open and inclusive approach that Reclamation and the NPS committed to continue throughout the EIS process.

Thank you again for your interest, input and participation.

Sincerely,

Anne J. Castle
Assistant Secretary
for Water and Science