

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE  
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

**WHEREAS,** the White Mountain Apache Tribe controls all development on Tribal lands, and

**WHEREAS,** drilling groundwater wells on Tribal lands may impact Tribal water rights and water resources; and

**WHEREAS,** important geologic and hydrologic information can be gained during well drilling if a trained hydrogeologist is on site; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Hydrology and Water Resources Program maintains a database of all wells on Tribal lands; and

**WHEREAS,** Tribal Council Resolution 65-19 addresses these issues but is now out of date.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby any person planning to drill a well on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation shall notify the Tribal Hydrologist prior to the commencement of drilling and, when possible, the Tribal Hydrologist or other qualified hydrogeologist should be on site during the entire drilling process and should record a well log.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that a Well Drilling Permit must be obtained from the Tribal Hydrology and Water Resources Program prior to drilling any well on the Reservation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that a New Well Report must be submitted by the driller or supervising hydrogeologist to the Tribal Hydrologist upon completion of any well.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Hydrologist and/or Environmental Planner are authorized to issue Well Drilling Permits and that such permits may be contingent on prior clearances from the appropriate utility authorities and other regulatory approvals.

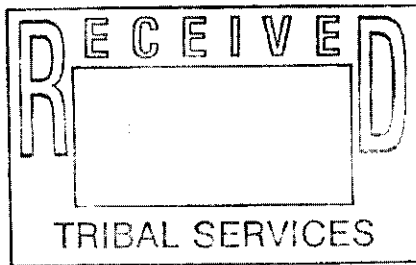
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Tribal Hydrology and Resources Program staff have authority to collect data on any existing wells on the Reservation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that this Resolution shall be delivered to the BIA and IHS, who are required to comply

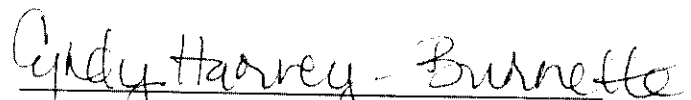
with the measures stated herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the foregoing Resolution supercedes Tribal Resolution 65-19.

The foregoing resolution was on December 8, 1999 duly adopted by a vote of eight for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (b), (f), (h), (s), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



  
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Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
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Secretary of the Tribal Council