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Dear Ms. Schmit and Mr. Moore:

We received your facsimile, dated October 20, 2008, alleging “potential fraudulent activities of the Colorado River Indian Tribes [CRIT] and the Arizona Bureau of Indian Affairs [BIA]” with regard to controversies involving the western boundary of the CRIT reservation. After a thorough review of the facts, historical background, and relevant law, we have determined that the Office of Inspector General is not the proper forum for your complaint.

Aggrieved parties may generally appeal BIA land use decisions and related matters to the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA), and decisions of the IBIA may be further appealed to the United States district court of appropriate jurisdiction. For more information, see http://www.oha.doi.gov/about_ibia.htm. The nature of your complaint, and the fact that it relates to longstanding and ongoing disputes that are best addressed by the IBIA and other appeals processes, weigh against our opening an investigation into this matter at this time.

We hope this assists you in addressing the issues raised in your letter.

Sincerely,

Bruce Delaplaine
General Counsel