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James L. McCabe, a Navajo Indian, has been appointed Supervisory General Engineer for the San Carlos Irrigation Project at Coolidge, Arizona, Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs Raymond V. Butler announced today.

McCabe, 42, has been working this past year in the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Phoenix Area Office.

A graduate of Utah State University, McCabe has his degree in civil and irrigation engineering. He has also attended Iowa State University and George Washington University and has participated in the Department of the Interior Management Training Program.

McCabe worked as an engineer for private companies in Albuquerque, New Mexico before joining BIA in 1966 as General Engineer at Crownpoint, New Mexico. He worked for private firms from 1972 to 1975 when he returned to BIA as Irrigation Manager at the Pima Agency, Sacaton, Arizona.