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Dear General Guth:

Re: Sampling and monitoring plan for sewage lagoons

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of your December 21st letter which includes the revised sampling and monitoring plan. My staff have reviewed the schedule and methodology proposed and find it acceptable. However, there seems to be a misunderstanding as to the sole purpose of the project. NMED does not recognize the project's purpose as "solely a proactive measure to offset Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) fines". NMED approves of this project as a monitoring project for hazardous waste contamination of the sewage lagoons. If the information gathered from this project is useful in assessing Clean Water Act (CWA) compliance, that is an extra benefit.

Two points regarding time frames of the project must be clarified. First, the duration of the project will be for the life of the facility or when any final closure requirements of the sewage lagoons have been achieved. Second, quarterly monitoring reports will be submitted to NMED no later than 30 days after the end of each quarter. These requirements will be noted in the Final Order.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Mr. Edward Horst at (505)827-4308.

Sincerely,

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