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Dear Mr. Garcia

We are delaying the next round of groundwater sampling of our Long-Term Groundwater Monitoring Plan (LTM). We will conduct the sampling at the end of December 1996 instead of late November as originally scheduled. The revised schedule is due to a delay in LTM program funding.

Beginning with this sampling event, we are incorporating the Sewage Lagoons (SL) and Golf Course Main Pond (GCMP) and the Kirtland Fire Training Area (KFTA) (SWMU 6-16) into the LTM. Our 13 August 1996 letter notified you of our intentions to continue quarterly monitoring of the SL/GCMP as part of the LTM.

As part of the LTM, we will install dedicated sampling pumps at the GCMP and the KFTA. We will continue to conduct groundwater sampling at the SL with non-dedicated sampling pumps, as implemented prior to the LTM. Continued use of non-dedicated sampling equipment is based on our projection that the monitor wells will be unusable within the next year due to the declining water table. Low-flow purging and sampling of the groundwater will be conducted with both types of sampling equipment to preserve the sample integrity.

We plan to implement different analytical parameters at each of these sites. We will continue to analyze for nitrate/nitrite and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) only at the SL/GCMP, as conducted during the previous two sampling rounds. At the KFTA, we will analyze for VOCs and the parameters included in Table 4-1 of the LTM.

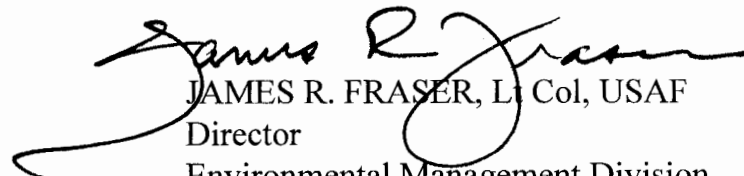
We will submit a report discussing the LTM results for the December sampling event by mid-April 1997.

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Please call my point of contact, Mr. Christopher B. DeWitt at (505)-846-0053, or me at 505-846-2751, if you have any questions.

Sincerely



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