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Robert S. (Stu) Dinwiddie, Ph. D., Manager  
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**SUBJECT: Response to Water Data Request**

Dear Mr. Dinwiddie:

This letter is in response to your comments concerning the ground water/surface water analytical data submitted to the New Mexico Environment Department on July 31, 1997. The Environmental Restoration Project (ER) has recognized that the original data submittal was not presented in an easy to use format and would like to suggest the following to resolve this issue.

We would like to submit existing water data for the 16-260 CMS by the end of this fiscal year (September 30, 1998) in a format similar to the one used for Environmental Surveillance and Compliance data. Once you have had a chance to review and concur with the format, we would then commit to a schedule for submitting the remaining water data by the end of the calendar year. This approach was discussed with your staff within an ER monthly meeting held on August 10, 1998. Your staff found it to be acceptable based on the effort required to pull most of this information from field logbooks. Future water data submittals would then be standardized and would be more meaningful than a raw "data dump".

We appreciate your patience with this matter. We will continue working with your staff to ensure that this type of data is gathered and readily available in the future. If you have any questions, please call Dave McInroy at (505) 667-0819 or Joe Mose at (505) 667-5808.

Sincerely,

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