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**Subject: Request for Extension on Submittal of Groundwater Background Investigation Report Modifications Associated with Approval with Direction**

**Reference: Letter, Bearzi to Messrs. McInroy and Gregory, dated March 23, 2007**

Dear Mr. Bearzi:

The Permittees have been in discussion with your staff on several occasions since receiving the approval with direction for the "Groundwater Background Investigation Report, Revision 2." The discussions were in reference to the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) General Comment 1a, which relates to the manner in which water-supply wells were handled in Revision 2. On Friday, April 6 a very helpful e-mail from Hai Shen of your staff provided additional clarification to the March 23 letter and confirmed NMED's position that the water-supply well data should remain in the report but be regrouped as unfiltered. The Permittees are in agreement with this position.

Regrouping of the water-supply wells necessitates recalculating all the statistics for the regional aquifer as well as replotting all the figures in Appendix C, some figures in the main text, and revising the main text. Because our mutual agreement to regroup the water-supply wells requires substantially greater modifications than would appear to be the case from NMED's comments in the March 23 letter, the Permittees request an extension to May 10 for completion of the report.



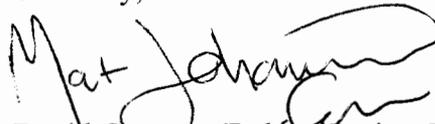
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