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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISCHARGE (NOI) - ER CANYONS STUDY

Dear Mr. Saums:

I would like to take this opportunity to provide the following clarification in response to your inquiries regarding the Notice of Intent to Discharge (NOI) - ER Canyons Study submitted by ESH-18 on April 3, 1996. As referenced in the Best Management Practices (BMPs) provided as attachments to the NOI, the Laboratory will discharge water produced during well development and purging activities onto the surface of the ground in a manner and location where it will not enter a watercourse. Soils and cuttings produced during the drilling of wells will also be disposed of in this manner. It is my understanding that your concerns are related to the possible release of contaminants into a watercourse after they are drawn from a ground water source. The BMPs provided with our NOI were developed to prevent such a release from occurring and will be implemented on a site by site basis with this consideration in mind.

If you should have any additional questions regarding the ER Canyons Study NOI, or the associated BMPs, please feel free to contact me at 667-4882.

Sincerely,

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