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Ms. Teri Davis
New Mexico Environment Department
Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau
525 Camino de Los Marquez
Santa Fe, NM 87502

Dear Ms. Davis:

Subject: Person Station Corrective Action
Directive Assessment, NMT360010342,
Assessment Work Plan at Production
Well No. 6 and Request for Deadline
Extension

Enclosed please find a proposed testing program to assess potential groundwater contamination in the vicinity of the Person Station Production Well Number 6. In general the plan is an attempt to determine whether vertical flow occurs in the well during static conditions and/or while being pumped. The plan will require at least 5 weeks to complete. Based on the results of this testing, it is hoped that the number of monitor wells needed to provide physical proof on vertical contamination can be minimized.

In order to perform the logging portion of the testing, the production well pump and turbine will have to be removed from the well. As we have mentioned in previous discussions, this well provides primary fire protection water for the PNM Power Operations Facility located at Person Station. Currently, there is a PNM Engineering Department project to deliver City of Albuquerque fire protection water to the PNM Power Operations Facility. That project is currently scheduled for completion in late October or early November. Once this project is complete, the pump and turbine can be removed and the testing completed.

Also, based on results from sampling at the Ethicon monitor well PSMW-24, it is now known that additional shallow monitor wells will be needed to fully assess the contaminant plume at its eastern horizontal extent. PNM has already begun discussions with Ethicon representatives for the placement of additional monitor wells on their property.

To accomplish the above tasks and allow for a reasonable amount of delays associated with rig scheduling, contractor schedules, and

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necessary approvals from Ethicon, PNM would like to request an extension of the current Corrective Action Directive deadline of 6 months. This would extend the deadline for core loggings from September 10, 1992 to March 10, 1992, and would extend the deadline for the Assessment Summary Report and the Corrective Measures Study from October 12, 1992 to April 12, 1992.

I would appreciate a response to this request at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Ron D. Johnson
Sr. Environmental Scientist

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Gary Richardson - METRIC