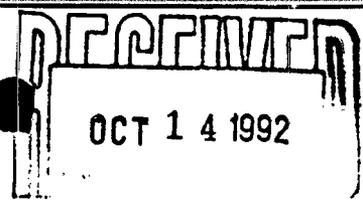




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October 08, 1992

Certified Mail,  
Return Receipt Requested

Mr. Juan Cedeno  
Ethicon, Inc.  
Post Office Box 26202  
Albuquerque, NM 87125

Dear Mr. Cedeno:

Subject: Request for Permission to Install  
Additional Groundwater Monitoring Wells

The purpose of this letter is to formally request from Ethicon permission to drill and install additional groundwater monitoring wells as part of the contaminant plume assessment for the Person Generating Station.

In September 1992, Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) installed a monitoring well (designated as PSMW-24) on the Ethicon property pursuant to previous permission from Ethicon outlined in our written agreement. This monitoring well was sampled on September 24, and October 1, 1992. Results from this sampling are shown below:

Date	1,1-DCE (ppb)	PCE (ppb)
September 14	14	13
October 1	15	15

To define the extent of the plume, monitoring wells must be placed such that concentrations for the above two contaminants are found to be less than 5 ppb. Our results show that monitoring well PSMW-24 is still within the contaminant plume and therefore does not define the eastern extent of the plume as we had hoped.

Pursuant to our Corrective Action Directive from the New Mexico Environment Department we must continue the installation of monitoring wells until plume definition is complete. Our next step is to place at least three monitor wells around the existing PSMW-24 monitoring well. These wells will be placed to the north, south, and east at a distance of 300 to 400 feet from PSMW-24. Exact placement will depend on accessibility to the selected location where constraints are caused by natural topographical or man-made obstructions. PNM will work with

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Ethicon to select actual locations that meet your requirements and ours.

I would appreciate hearing from you with regard to our permission request by October 23, 1992. We anticipate the availability of a drilling rig to begin monitoring well installation in early November 1992.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 848-2998. Also, I would like to meet with you at your convenience to walk the site and begin the process of actual site selection.

Sincerely,



Ron D. Johnson  
Sr. Environmental Scientist

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cc: Mr. Charles Brown - PNM(MS2704)  
Mr. Bruce Curry - Ethicon  
Ms. Teri Davis - NMED  
Ms. Martha Gray - Ethicon  
Mr. Seneca Nanayakari - Ethicon  
Mr. Terry O'Brien - Ethicon  
Mr. Donnie Young - Ethicon