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Transwestern Pipeline Company

Dear Ms. McMichael:

Pursuant to the letter dated November 3, 1996 from Benito Garcia to Bill Kendrick, we enclose on behalf of Transwestern Pipeline Company drafts of an Administrative Order on Consent dated December 2, 1996, and a revised Corrective Action Plan dated the same date. Two copies of a Phase II Soil and Groundwater Assessment are being delivered to Benito Garcia today under separate cover.

The draft Corrective Action Plan incorporates the technical matters agreed to by our respective clients and also contains a proposal by Transwestern for the handling of contaminated environmental media, in response to the proposal of NMED set forth in the November 3rd letter. In addition, as noted in the draft, the enclosed draft needs to be revised to reflect the results of the Phase II Soil and Groundwater Assessment, including providing for a Phase III Assessment. Transwestern is preparing those revisions and will forward them to NMED upon their completion.

The draft Administrative Order on Consent remains in substantially the same form prepared by NMED, but has been revised to make technical changes and to reflect concerns of Transwestern in certain areas. The enclosed draft has been prepared in legislative form to show changes from the original

*1) The Administrative Order on Consent  
2) the revised Corrective Action  
Plan are in facility manager's file*

Susan McMichael  
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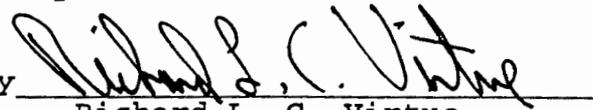
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Please convey NMED's response to these drafts to me at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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