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Subject: Interim Corrective Actions

RE: October 31, 2008, Notification of Discharge



Dear Mr. Marshall:

The purpose of this letter is to provide your office with the outline of corrective action activities that DOE committed to providing you by November 14, 2008. In the letter to you dated October 31, 2008, *Notification of Discharge*, related to the loss of freeboard and overtopping of the Salt Storage Extension Basin (SSEB), the DOE proposed to provide your office an outline of activities by November 14, 2008, and a detailed schedule of activities to implement permanent corrective actions for the management of salt contact run-off in the Salt Storage Extension Evaporation Basin by December 31, 2008. The following outline the activities being conducted to permanently correct this matter:

- Develop a Statement of Work for Service Subcontract;
- Obtain a qualified Contractor;
- Contractor will evaluate run-off volume(s) and pond capacities and provide corrective action recommendations;
- Evaluate the engineered corrective measure options and select the preferred recommendation for implementation;
- Prepare a Work Package to implement the proposed corrective actions.

In addition, in our October 31, 2008, letter, *Notification of Discharge*, we stated that water would be pumped out of SSEB into an impoundment area in the Salt Storage Area to lower the water level in the SSEB. The development of the holding pond on the top of the salt pile was completed the week of November 10, 2008. Pumping of water from the SSEB was initiated on completion of the holding pond to lower the water level in the SSEB. This will allow the interim corrective actions to be accomplished.

If you have any questions on this subject, please call Jody Plum at 575-234-7462.

Sincerely,

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