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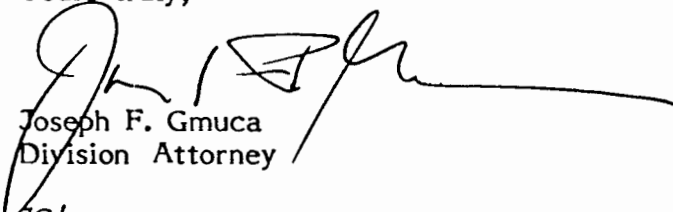
Dear Mr. Seals:

During the last month I have consulted with your staff attorneys, Barbara Greenfield and Jim Turner, concerning possible joint enforcement action against Plateau refinery by EPA and the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division (N.M. EID). We at N.M. EID are of the opinion that these discussions have been productive and will lead to a successful resolution of hazardous waste problems perceived by both EPA and N.M. EID at the facility.

In order to insure continued progress in this matter, my client, Mr. Anthony Drypolcher, Chief of the Ground Water/Hazardous Waste Bureau, has instructed me to ask you that any future contacts by EPA with either this agency or Plateau concerning possible enforcement actions against the refinery be initiated by the EPA attorneys assigned to this case and that in all instances such communications be a product of coordination between the EPA and EID attorneys. By limiting communications to such a procedure we hope to handle this matter more efficiently and without duplication of work.

If you have any questions concerning the above protocol, please contact me.

Yours truly,


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