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April 24, 1992

Mr. John Stokes, Manager  
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Route 3, Box 7  
Gallup, New Mexico 87301

Dear Mr. Stokes:

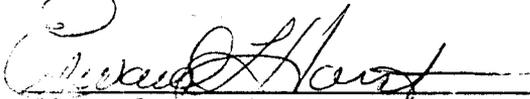
Statistical analysis of the groundwater monitoring detection parameters pH and electroconductivity obtained during the October 24, 1991 and March 6, 1991 semi-annual groundwater sampling event show statistically significant evidence of groundwater contamination. These statistical results require Giant Refining Company (GRC) to comply with Permit Attachment G, 2., J., p.6, (Refer to the July 1, 1990 revision of 40 CFR Section 264.98(g) for guidance).

In regard to this issue, during a meeting held April 16, 1992 between GRC and the Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) an alternate groundwater monitoring detection program was proposed to GRC. The alternative program was developed by HRMB in an effort to provide GRC with an environmentally protective method to conduct the required groundwater monitoring which would avoid false positive results.

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Should there be any questions concerning the required submittals under Permit Attachment G, 2.,J., or the proposed modifications to the groundwater monitoring program please contact Steve Alexander at 827-4300.

Sincerely,



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Edward Horst, Program Manager  
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cc: ~~Bruce Swanton, HRMB~~  
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