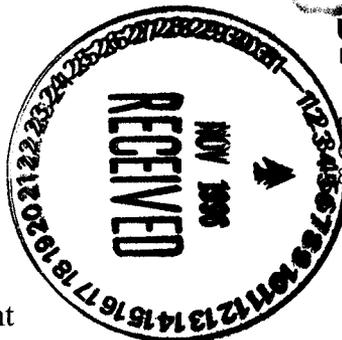


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Mr. Benito J. Garcia, Bureau Chief
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**SUBJECT: SEMI-ANNUAL GROUNDWATER SAMPLING EVENT - 1996
GIANT REFINING COMPANY - CINIZA**

Dear Mr. Garcia:

Giant is in the process of conducting its Fall, semi-annual groundwater sampling event. However, due to recent, quite foul weather conditions it appears that completion of the sampling event may extend past the end of October (the normal sampling month).

Weather permitting, we anticipate completion of the sampling event within one or two weeks.

If there are any questions, please contact Ms. Dorinda Mancini at (505) 722-0227, or myself at (505) 722-0258.

Sincerely,

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