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Dear Mr. Ting:

The Northeast Pumping System at the Northeast Church Rock Site is experiencing pressurization problems. It has become necessary to replace the buried collection lines to relieve the excessive back pressure caused by the precipitant restricting water flow. The back pressure is causing premature pump failures and is degrading the efficiency of the wells.

United Nuclear will suspend pumping of the system this week. A new collection line will be installed as a replacement for the present system.

I will notify you upon completion of the replacement and the date the system is restarted.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Bush".

Larry Bush
Manager

cc: Ken Hooks
NRC Region IV
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