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**RE: Irigaray - Christensen Operations, Permit No. 478, MIT schedule, TFN 3
1/307 - Response to LQD Letter Dated June 29, 2000**

Dear Mr. Mooney:

The following response addresses your letter dated June 29, 2000, requesting the progress of the proposed MIT testing. At the current rate integrity testing is being conducted, it is anticipated the program will be completed in September. Attached for your reference is an updated well integrity schedule.

All but two wells scheduled for integrity testing in 1999 have been tested and the integrity testing program is on schedule. The two wells not tested are in Unit 4 Module 2. One well has a pump stuck downhole and the other well is blocked by an unknown obstruction. The wells can not be tested or used in their current condition. Every effort will be made to remove the obstructions from these wells by the end of July so they can be integrity tested. In the event the obstructions can not be removed, the wells will be plugged and abandoned.

In Unit 5, the original schedule called for integrity testing to begin in Unit 5 Module 1 and progress to Module 5. To better accommodate the ground water sweep efforts in Unit 5, testing has progressed from Module 5 to Module 1. In Module 5, sixteen wells were tested which were not due until the year 2001.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely

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