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October 20, 2000

Mr. Steve Ingle
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RE: Corrective Action Report, West Evaporation Pond Leak
Permit to Mine 633, License SUA-1548, Docket 40-8964

Dear Mr. Ingle:

On September 14, 2000, during a routine inspection, it was discovered that the west evaporation pond sump contained greater than 6 inches of water. The water level in the pond, four feet six inches at the time of the discovery, was immediately lowered in order to stop the leak. The sump water was analyzed for chloride, specific conductance, bicarbonate, U_{nat} , and sulfate with the results shown below.

Chemical	Concentration
Chloride	8,510 mg/l
Specific Conductance @ 25 °C	32.95 m Siemens
Bicarbonate	283.1 mg/l
U_{nat} as U_3O_8	22.6 mg/l
Sulfate	7,429 mg/l

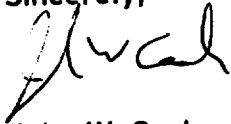
Upon receipt of the confirming analysis, both Steve Ingle of WDEQ and John Lusher of NRC were notified via telephone on September 22, 2000.

The holes have been patched and the water level is being slowly raised in order to confirm the patches. Currently, the water level is at four feet one inch with no water seeping into the sump. Additional monthly reports will be submitted until correction of the situation is confirmed.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the submittal, please feel free to contact me at (307) 358-3744, ext. 62.

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Sincerely,



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