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Mr. John Wagner, Cheyenne Office Program Manager
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RE: Smith Ranch Project
Permit to Mine 633, License SUA-1548, Docket 40-8964
Corrective Action Report 19, West Evaporation Pond Leak

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Power Resources, Inc. (PRI) is herein providing a monthly status report for the West Evaporation Pond leak at the Smith Ranch facility.

During a routine inspection on January 4, 2002, it was discovered that the water level in the West Evaporation Pond sump exceeded six inches. The sump water was analyzed for chloride, specific conductance, bicarbonate, uranium, and sulfate to confirm that the source of the water was from the pond. The water level in the pond, 3' 2" at the time of the discovery, was lowered to 2' 10" in order to stop the leak. Mr. Steve Ingle, WDEQ-LQD Project Manager, and Mr. John Lusher, NRC Project Manager, were notified of the leak via telephone on January 11, 2002.

During the report period, July 12 through August 11, 2003, PRI began dewatering the West Evaporation Pond in preparation for the installation of a new liner. There were no indications of leaks during the report period. Until the new liner is installed and tested for leaks, PRI will continue to monitor the sump for pond leakage and take appropriate actions, as necessary.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at (307) 358-6541, ext. 62.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Kearney'.

W.F. Kearney
Manager-Health, Safety
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cc: J. Lusher, NRC Project Manager (Addressee Only)
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