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**RE: Quarterly Progress Report of Monitor Wells on Excursion Status - 3rd Qtr. 2004**

Dear Mr. Janosko:

This letter serves as the progress report required by License Sections 11.2 and 12.2, for all of COGEMA's Wyoming operation wells on excursion status through the end the third quarter of 2004. Excursion status is defined as a monitor well which exceeds more than one upper control limit (UCL). Excursion status can be removed when a monitor well no longer exceeds more than one UCL for three consecutive weeks.

COGEMA has only one well on excursion status at either the Irigaray or Christensen Ranch project sites. As reported to you in our letter of 8/18/04, Christensen Mine Unit (MU) 5 well 5MW66 went on excursion status on 7/21/04. This well remains on excursion status as we are currently in the process of evaluating the data from the final round of MU 5 stabilization sampling taken on 8/11/04; to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ) Guideline 8 analysis obtained from 5MW66.

This evaluation will then be utilized in a recommendation to the WDEQ for either release of the well from excursion status or for further actions if appropriate. We intend to have this evaluation completed within the very near future.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this report.

Sincerely,

Tom Nicholson  
Environmental Specialist/RSO

cc: Donna Wichers/COGEMA

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