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Paul and Steve

In accordance with NRC License Condition 12.1 and Smith Ranch LQD Permit Section 5.5.5, please consider this formal notification that the leak detection system at the Smith Ranch Evaporation Pond has detected a leak in the East pond. Samples will be taken and actions and procedures outlined in the License and Permit Applications will be conducted as stated. It is anticipated that the leak occurred during clean-out of the sludge in the pond by a track hoe, which is being done to facilitate planned liner replacement in that pond. PRI believes the Poly liner was inadvertently breached by the track hoe bucket. Initial sample results are not yet available, but PRI believes that the water detected in the leak detection system is from the East Pond due the activities currently taking place. The leak detection system is functioning properly and all leakage has been contained in the system. Water contained in the system will be transferred to the other pond using current procedures in place. As stated previously, the activities at the East Pond are to facilitate replacement of the current liner. The leak will be alleviated once the new liner is installed. A written report will be submitted within 30 days as required. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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