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RE: Installation of Monitor Wells at Proposed ISL Sites

Dear Mr. Cohen:

I am providing this letter to clarify our February 25th telephone conversation with Mr. Keith McConnell and Mr. Bill Von Till regarding my February 17th correspondence to you.

Wyoming's objective for allowing the installation of background monitoring wells and test well(s), in a proposed initial ISL mining area, is to provide site specific geologic and hydrologic characterization to satisfy the technical portion of our permit application. It is not our intent to require or authorize the installation of the wellfield production/injection pattern or the entire network of monitor wells prior to permit issuance.

I appreciate your consideration of our issues as they relate to your licensing requirements. Please let me know if I need to provide any additional information.

Yours truly,

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