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From:

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Sent:

Thursday, December 20, 2012 7:25 AM

To: Cc:

'Bill Kearney (USA - Casper)'

Gersey, Linda; VonTill, Bill

Subject:

Willow Creek: draft license & flow rate question

Bill:

I will not be able to send the next version of the draft license to you until our General Counsel is finished its review of the draft license conditions and our SER. I have been informed of a delay in their review that is expected to be completed by December 31, 2012. I will not be able to send you another draft until after I address their comments, if any. I anticipate sending the next version of the draft license for your review the week of January 7, 2013.

In response to your question about the flow rate contained in SUA-1341, Amendment 22, license condition 10.5, that reads:

10.5 The licensee is authorized to conduct operations at an annual throughput at Christensen Ranch that does not exceed an average flow rate of 4,000 gallons per minute, exclusive of restoration flow. Annual dried yellowcake production shall not exceed 2.5 million pounds.

We interpret the average annual throughput to be on an annual basis, which is a calendar year. If you are over 4000 gpm in January, this would only become a concern at some point toward the mid or end of the calendar year when the average annual throughput might exceed and annual average flow of 4000 gpm.

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