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RE: License No. SUA-1470 Docket No. 40-8901



Dear Mr. Konwinski:

In August, 1989, ARCO Coal Company (ARCO) submitted to your office a revised groundwater Corrective Action Program (CAP) for the Bluewater Mill. By September 25, 1989, ARCO had completed the construction work and implemented the groundwater CAP.

During the first two weeks of pumping, all of the wells were producing target pumping rates, except Well Obs-3. Due to substantial water level draw down, (about 80 feet), Obs-3 well is producing about 47 gpm, which is 3 gpm below the target rate of 50 gpm. To offset this shortage, ARCO will increase the pumping rate of other wells to maintain a total of 105 gpm from the San Andres Aquifer.

ARCO is collecting data for CAP as described in the submittal.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or Natver Patel, of my staff.

Sincerely,

R. S. Ziegler Project Manager

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