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Ogle Petroleum, Inc.
 150 North Nichols Avenue
 Casper, Wyoming 82601

Gentlemen:

We have determined that the Mining Unit No. 2 aquifer pump test did not adequately demonstrate the degree of confinement of the ore zone aquifer with respect to the lower sandstone unit (review attached). Therefore, prior to licensing injection of lixiviant into the Mining Unit No. 2 ore zone, we feel that a second aquifer test needs to be conducted in Mining Unit No. 2 specifically to evaluate the confining nature of the lower claystone layer.

In addition, because of the previous problem with an operating mining unit (Unit No. 1) interfering with an aquifer test in a nonoperating unit (Unit No. 2), Ogle Petroleum should consider conducting aquifer tests in Unit No. 3 prior to beginning operations in Unit No. 2 or face the possibility of having to shutdown Unit No. 2 during the Unit No. 3 pump tests.

We request that, following your review of our evaluation of the pump test, you contact us to set up a conference call or meeting to resolve these problems.

Original Signed by:
J. J. Linehan

John J. Linehan, Section Leader
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