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RE: TFN 1 3/142

Dear Niles:

I appreciate the cost estimates for backfilling of the Sagebrush-Tablestake Pit as I requested and you provided in your letter of September 24th. Also in your letter you provided additional information and opinions on the continued use of Tailings ponds 1 and 2 for evaporation purposes. I appreciate this information. This office discussed this issue with officials of the NRC, and we indicated that we would not be opposed to the continued use of these ponds for evaporation as long as it can be established that no further degradation at these two sites should occur, with or without additional mitigative measures. It is my understanding that the NRC is presently working on this analysis. I share your concern with new ponds on spoil and the seepage problems that may occur without proper engineering.

Sincerely,

Walter C. Ackerman
Land Quality Administrator

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