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Return Receipt Requested (P 268 360 597)

Mr. Richard Ohrbom  
Groundwater Section  
New Mexico Environment Department  
P.O. Box 26110  
Santa Fe, NM 87502

Re: **Discharge Plan - 71**

Dear Mr. Ohrbom,

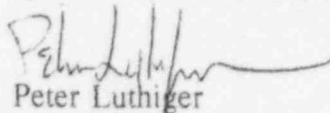
As a follow-up and confirmation to our telephone conversation on Wednesday, March 5, 1997, Quivira hereby notifies the Ground Water Bureau of some minor liner damage which occurred to lined evaporation pond #19 due to abnormally strong winds. The damage was discovered at 2:30 p.m. MST on March 4, 1997.

The horizontal liner tear, which is located above the water level along the east berm adjacent to monitor well MW-19, allowed a portion of the lower segment of the liner to sag below the water level allowing pond solutions to seep into the earthen berm. The liner was brought back above the water level and stabilized that same afternoon. Repairs to the berm and liner have been initiated. A final report will be submitted to your office upon completion of repairs.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at 287-8851.

Regards,

QUIVIRA MINING COMPANY



Peter Luthiger  
Supervisor, Radiation Safety  
and Environmental Affairs

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