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**QUIVIRA MINING COMPANY**

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

Re: **Discharge Plan - 169**  
**1996 Annual Report**

Dear Mr. Ohrbom,

Please find attached Quivira Mining Company's 1996 annual groundwater monitoring report for the Ambrosia Lake mill facility for the above referenced discharge plan. This annual report was prepared pursuant to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) approved plan, Discharge Plan - 169, dated November 15, 1995.

This report reviews the remediation progress on the alluvium as a result of Quivira's continued implementation of the Assurance of Discontinuance (AOD), Discharge Plan - 169, and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission approved Corrective Action Plan.

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

Regards,

QUIVIRA MINING COMPANY

*Peter Luthiger*

Peter Luthiger  
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and Environmental Affairs

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