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July 23, 1997

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Subject: **Sohio Western Mining Company, L-Bar NM Site, License SUA-1472,  
Docket 40-8904, Response to Notice of Violation 97-01**

Dear Mr. Dyer:

This letter is in response to your letter dated July 10, 1997 regarding Notice of Violation 97-01. As instructed in your letter, Sohio Western Mining Company (Sohio) is providing the following information: (1) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved, (2) the corrective steps that will be taken to avoid further violations, and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved. As you indicated in your letter, our May 2, 1997 response adequately addressed the reason for the violation.

1. Corrective steps taken and results achieved: The reporting format for groundwater monitoring has been revised to include the lower limits of detection and error estimates. The results achieved are that the reports will now contain the information requested by the NRC.
2. Corrective steps taken to avoid further violations: Future groundwater reports will include the lower limits of detection and error estimates.
3. Date when full compliance will be achieved: Sohio's June 10, 1997 letter to the NRC included revised groundwater monitoring reports for 1996 which included the lower limits of detection and error estimates. With the submittal of the revised reports and the commitment to include the requested information in future reports, it is Sohio's view that full compliance has been achieved as of the date of this letter (July 23, 1997).

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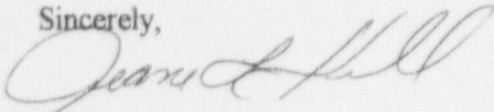


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Should you have any questions concerning this letter or Sohio's response, please contact me at (307)-687-6003.

Sincerely,



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