

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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Mr. G.A. Cresswell Manager Hydrological and Environmental Affairs Mobil Oil Corporation P.O.Box 5444 Denver, Colorado 80217

Dear Mr. Cresswell:

As a result of our inspection of the third evaporation pond in Section 9, Pilot In-Situ Leach Test Site, we consider the pond to be acceptable for operational use. We are concerned about the potential vulnerability of the exposed PVC liner. Mobil shall periodically inspect the exposed liner to monitor for any deterioration and repair as required. After twelve months operational use we will re-inspect this pond for continued operational use.

This letter will be added to your license file.

Sincerely,

K.A. Coleman

Environmental Scientist Uranium Licensing Section

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