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DOCKET NO. 40-8502**

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Uranium Recovery Branch
Division of Waste Management
Mail Stop T7J9
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

RE: Excursion status reporting of monitor well 6MW21

Event # 36365

Dear Mr. Surmeier:

As per license Section 12.2, this letter is to confirm my telephone notification to the NRC Operations Center on October 28, 1999, regarding the excursion status of monitor well 6MW21.

A routine bi-weekly water sample collected on October 26, 1999 from monitor well 6MW21, exceeded all 3 of its upper control limits (UCLs). A confirmation sample was collected on this date, which also exceeded all 3 UCLs. Monitor well 6MW21 has been placed on excursion status as per license Section 11.2 and its sampling frequency is increased to weekly. This will continue until 3 consecutive weekly samples indicate that not more than one UCL is exceeded. Once this occurs, 6MW21 will be reported off excursion status as per license Section 11.2.

6MW21 is a perimeter ore zone monitor well located approximately 300 feet south of the Mine Unit 6 boundary, at the Christensen Mine. Corrective action consists of over-recovery pumping of the wellfield area nearest 6MW21.

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The following table gives the sample analysis data and the water level elevations for the two sample analysis which confirmed the excursion and the initial weekly sample. The bold values exceed their designated UCL.

Sample Date	Chloride mg/l UCL 20	Conductivity umhos/cm UCL 1576	Alkalinity mg/l UCL 95.2	Uranium mg/l as U3O8	pH	Water Level Elevation
10-26-99	32.2	1800	329.4	0.5	7.1	4625.2
10-28-99	29.2	1746	305.8	0.5	7.3	4618.5

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this report.

Sincerely,

Craig W. Tool
Environmental Specialist

For John Vaselein
Radiation Safety Officer

cc: Division Director/NRC, Arlington, TX
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