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Ms. Marcy Leavitt, Chief
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Dear Ms. Leavitt

We are delaying the next round of groundwater sampling at the Sewage Lagoons (SL) and Golf Course Main Pond (GCMP). We will conduct the sampling at the end of December 1996 instead of late November as originally scheduled. The revised schedule is due to a delay in Long-Term Groundwater Monitoring Plan (LTM) program funding.

We are incorporating the SL/GCMP into our LTM beginning with this sampling event as stated in our 8 November 1996 letter to you. We are implementing changes from previous groundwater sampling at the GCMP regarding sampling equipment.

As part of the LTM, we will install dedicated sampling pumps at the GCMP. We will continue to conduct groundwater sampling at the SL with non-dedicated sampling pumps, as implemented prior to the LTM. Continued use of non-dedicated sampling equipment is based on our projection that the monitor wells will be unusable within the next year due to the declining water table. Low-flow purging and sampling of the groundwater will be conducted with both types of sampling equipment to preserve the sample integrity.

We will continue to analyze for nitrate/nitrite and volatile organic compounds only at the SL/GCMP, as implemented during the previous two rounds of sampling.

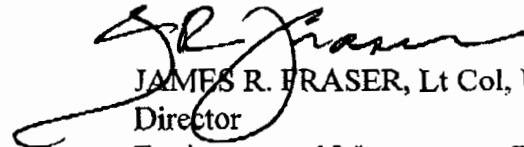
We will submit a report discussing the LTM results for the December sampling event by mid-April 1997.

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Please call my point of contact, Mr. Christopher B. DeWitt at (505)-846-0053, or me at (505)-846-2751, if you have any questions.

Sincerely



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