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April 30, 1984

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Dear Mr. Drypolcher:

Subject: Public Service Company  
of New Mexico  
Person Generating Station

This is to confirm receipt of your letter of April 6, 1984. After reviewing the technical comments attached to your letter on Public Service Company of New Mexico's (PNM) March 2, 1984 submittal (cover letter, attachments and report titled "Final Soil Contamination Assessment and Preliminary Groundwater Assessment, PNM Person Generating Station"), we feel there are a number of areas where our objective analyses and preliminary opinions have been misconstrued as being conclusive. The only conclusions we have made to date are that contamination of the soil and groundwater does exist. We did not consider these reports to have omissions or inaccuracies when submitted, nor did we conclude that the buried storage tank was not a source of the contamination in the soil or the groundwater. We merely showed that no immediate, supportable link between the storage tank and groundwater exists.

In addition, we did not request to be relieved of responsibility under the UIC provisions of WQCC Regulation, but rather requested that upon completion of proposed remedial action (to remove contaminated soil) further action under this regulation (concerning soil removal) would not be forthcoming.

We disagree with many other items in your technical comments. However, we defer discussion at this time. It may well be that these differences will be resolved after analysis of the Phase IV Groundwater Study. However, in the interim, should you or your staff have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Richard A. Jordan, Manager  
Regulatory Licensing & Compliance