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Dear Mr. Johnson,

This letter is in response to Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM)'s request to extend deadlines associated with Phase I of the Person Station Corrective Action Directive (CAD).

Based on the information Hazardous & Radioactive Materials Bureau (HRMB) received in a meeting with PNM on March 11, 1993, results to date indicate:

1. the leading edge of the contaminant plume in the shallow aquifer has been tentatively delineated, according to the CAD requirements (Phase I item 6), and,
2. the contamination in production wells indicating contamination exists in the deeper aquifer requires further assessment.

To expedite remediation of the contaminated aquifer, PNM will follow the CAD schedule for corrective action of the shallow contamination and deeper contamination separately. The CAD schedule calls for three submittals following completion of installation of the groundwater assessment monitoring system (per CAD Phase I, Item 2.B). These submittals are:

1. cutting/core logs - 30 days after completion,
2. an Assessment Summary Report - 60 days after completion, and,
3. a Potential Corrective Technologies report - also 60 days after completion.

Per Item 10 of the CAD, HRMB will negotiate with PNM as to the location and number of wells to be drilled to delineate the extent of contamination. (Installation of monitoring wells for assessment of the contaminant plume in the shallow portion of the aquifer will be complete if results of chemical analyses from the last proposed shallow groundwater monitoring well (MW-34) fulfill requirements per CAD Phase I Item 2.C.) If analyses confirm this determination, the submittals for the shallow portion of the aquifer will be due 30 and 60 days after that date, as stated above. If additional

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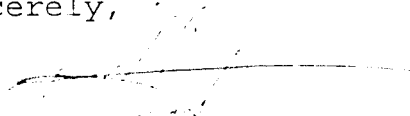
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wells are required, submittal deadlines may then be extended accordingly.

HRMB staff is currently evaluating the assessment of contamination in the deeper aquifer. As more information becomes available, HRMB anticipates that a separate schedule following the intervals delineated in the CAD will be set for the assessment of contamination in the deeper aquifer. It is important that this two-track assessment not delay aquifer remediation. This approach allows PNM to continue meeting CAD deadlines for the shallow contamination while actively pursuing delineation of the deep contamination.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Jane Cramer of my staff at 827-4313.

Sincerely,



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