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June 22, 1993

R. G. Hunt  
P. O. Box 65  
Waterflow, NM 87421

Dear Mr. Hunt:

I am writing to you on behalf of Governor King to provide the status of investigative and regulatory activities at the Public Service Company of New Mexico's San Juan Generating Station and Shumway Arroyo. It is my understanding that you asked the Governor a number of questions regarding this site during a town meeting in Farmington. My apologies for the amount of time it has taken to prepare this response, which has required inquiries of many sections within the Environment Department and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

EPA, through its Superfund Program, investigated the site in 1987 and 1988. The results of these investigations indicated a possible release of hazardous substances. The EPA Superfund Program then deferred the site to the EPA RCRA Program for possible corrective action. We are currently trying to determine if EPA's RCRA Program has evaluated the site, as indicated in the attached letter to Allyn Davis of EPA.

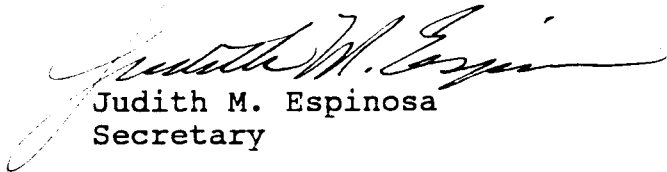
The Environment Department is currently regulating the San Juan Generating Station through six active ground-water discharge plans. It is the intent of these regulatory activities to prohibit future releases of materials to the environment which would adversely affect human health or the environment. The San Juan Generating Station is not regulated under the state's hazardous waste program; however, the facility is inspected by staff of this program on a periodic basis.

I spoke with Michael Burkhart, Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Health, regarding your questions about the health of your children and health warnings. Mr. Burkhart advises that you consult first with your family physician regarding your children's

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health. If your physician concurs with your concerns, please have her/him contact Dr. Mack Sewell, of the Department of Health, at 827-0006.

Sincerely,



Judith M. Espinosa  
Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Bruce King, Governor  
Michael Burkhart, Secretary, Department of Health  
Benito Garcia, Chief, Hazardous and Radioactive Materials  
Bureau, NMED  
Steve Cary, Chief, Groundwater Protection and Remediation  
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June 21, 1993

Allyn M. Davis (6H)  
U.S EPA, Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue  
Dallas, TX 75202

Dear Allyn:

The New Mexico Environment Department has received several inquiries in the past few years regarding the status of regulatory activities at PNM's San Juan Generating Station and nearby Shumway Arroyo. Recently, Governor King was asked similar questions during a town hall meeting. In order to more satisfactorily answer these inquiries, we request your assistance.

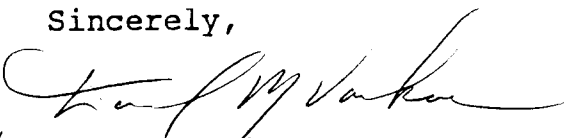
Our understanding of the history of investigations at the site is that a Superfund Site Identification form was completed for the PNM - San Juan Generating Station (also known as Shumway Arroyo or Fruitland Dairy) in April 1985, a Superfund Preliminary Assessment was completed in April 1987, a Superfund Site Inspection was completed in September 1988, and a sampling visit was conducted by FIT in October 1988. The U.S. EPA Superfund Site Assessment Section deferred the site to the RCRA Enforcement Branch on July 26, 1989 for possible corrective action. The reason for this deferral was the conclusion that "there may have been a release of hazardous waste to the environment from a RCRA regulated facility [PNM San Juan Generating Station] which may require correction [sic] action under 3008 (h)".

To the best of our knowledge, this site has not been evaluated, investigated, or cleaned up since this deferral by either state or federal Superfund or RCRA programs. We would appreciate your assistance in determining the status of federal activities at this site and the appropriate course of action. If you have questions

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about this site or our request please contact me at (505) 827-2850  
or Steve Cary at (505) 827-2919.

Sincerely,



for Kathleen Sisneros  
Director

Water and Waste Management Division

cc: Mr. R. G. Hunt, P.O. Box 65, Waterflow, NM, 87421  
Benito Garcia, NMED  
Steve Cary, NMED  
Randy Merker, NMED



STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

June 23, 1993

Garth Graves  
District Manager, NMED District 1  
4131 Montgomery Blvd. N.E.  
Albuquerque, NM 87109



RE: Discharge Plan DP - 949

Dear Garth:

Enclosed is a copy of the latest discharge plan application which the NMED Ground Water Section has received for your district. It is for the Schwartzman UST site in Albuquerque. Plans and specifications are included for review by the District Engineer.

Please call the Ground Water Section at 827-2900, if you would like additional information on this facility.

Sincerely,

Marcy Leavitt  
Program Manager  
Ground Water Section

Bruce King  
Governor

Judith M. Espinosa  
Secretary

Ron Curry  
Deputy Secretary

Enclosure(s)

cc: Glenn Saums, Program Manager, Surface Water Section  
Steve Alexander, Technical Supervisor, NMED Hazardous  
Materials Program  
Lee Rosenberger, District Engineer, NMED Dist. 1 (same  
office)  
Discharge Plan or NOI File

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NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT DIVISION

DISCHARGE PLAN APPLICATION - PART A

Name of facility: Schwartzman UST Corrective Action

Name of person legally responsible for discharge:

Ethel Volden

Address:

Schwartzman, Inc.

P. O. Box 2227

Albuquerque, NM 87103

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GROUND WATER BUREAU

Telephone:

(505) 877-2311

Name of local representative or contact person if different from above:

Mr. Jay Snyder

Address:

Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc.

6020 Academy NE

Albuquerque, NM 87109

Telephone:

(505) 822-9400

1. Location:

County: Bernalillo NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 6 T 9N R 3E

Use State coordinates or latitude/longitude on unsurveyed land (See Attachment 1 of attached Supplement.)

2. Type of operation, facility or development: Corrective action, ground-water treatment unit

3. Type of treatment and/or storage - type of discharge (septic tank - leachfield, package treatment plant - lagoon, lagoon - land application, etc.):

Ground-water treatment by air stripping followed by discharge to infiltration gallery