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Dear Ms. Linner:

In a meeting at DOGM offices on September 9 with Rick Summers and Randy Hardin, we discussed the results of our surveys which indicate that the sediment ponds at Valley Camp need to be cleaned. The purpose of this letter is to confirm the course of action agreed upon in that meeting.

The course is as follows:

1. We will begin cleaning the ponds. The ponds will be cleaned in consecutive order beginning with Pond 001 and finishing with Pond 004. The material removed from the ponds will be temporarily placed in the depression between the Utah No. 2 fan portal and the railroad tracks. This area is disturbed and the runoff reports to a sediment pond. The removed material will be tested. If it is acceptable material, it will be used to reclaim this area. If it is not acceptable, the area will become a small, temporary waste disposal site.
2. Hansen, Allen, and Luce will be contracted to recalculate the sediment and runoff capacities required for each pond. Since some of the ponds have never discharged water we feel that there is a possibility that the ponds were sized conservatively. The new calculations will also consider current conditions which did not exist when the ponds were originally sized. The amount of cleaning to be done in each pond will depend on the new sizing calculations.
3. The water in Pond 004 will be tested to determine if the pond can be drained to facilitate cleaning.

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4. After the necessary amount of cleaning is done, the ponds will be surveyed. Drawings of the ponds will be made, certified, and submitted to the Division.

If there are any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,

  
Barry Barnum

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