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September 5, 1984

Mr. David Lof
 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
 4241 State Office Building
 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

RE: SEDIMENT PONDS 4, 6 & 5 DECANTING AND CLEANING POND 4

Dear David;

As per your request, I am sending you by this letter, the results of my sampling of Ponds 4 and 6. Also, are results of decanting Pond 5.

Ponds 4 and 6 were decanted on Wednesday, August 29. Pond 5 was pumped on Friday, August 31, as I discussed with you by phone Friday. The following results were achieved:

<u>Sample Number</u>	<u>Pond 4</u>	<u>Pond 5</u>	<u>Pond 6</u>
1	<0.1	<0.1	0.25
2	<0.1	<0.1	0.1
3	21.0	<0.1	<0.1
4		<0.1	<0.1

All figures are in ml/l.

While decanting Pond 4, the outflow suddenly turned very dark, so I took Sample No. 3 and quickly closed the decant valve. No more decanting was done because I determined that water was pulling sediment from the bottom around the decant pipe.

We pumped the water from the manhole on Pond 5, but the problem was in the decant pipe. Water was pumped from the surface and discharged into the manhole to lower the level to allow cleaning of the decant pipe. The decant pipe is now clear and functional.

Samples have been taken and sent to the lab for our NPDES permit reporting on all three ponds. For Pond 4, only Samples 1 and 2 were taken for NPDES purposes as I stopped decanting almost immediately when the dark flow started.

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Pond 4 cleaning is underway and Pond 6 will be cleaned next. I will notify you and Tom Suchoski when Pond 6 needs to be pumped down below decant level.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Coordinator

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