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Re: Division Order 97A

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Copy Mary Ann, Karon, Joe, Steve

Dear Steve,

As you are aware, we have finally received the aerial survey information. Although we have begun the time intensive task of developing the requested mapping, it is obvious that the June 27 deadline will be impossible to meet. Nonetheless, work on this project has been ongoing and another partial submittal will be ready by June 27. However, as we discussed on Wednesday, it appears that U. S. Fuel will require an additional two month extension to complete this project.

It is my opinion that the time extensions granted due to the weather and surveying delays have been and will be well utilized. I believe this process has allowed both the Division and the permitee to reflect on the difficult challenges at this site and work toward cooperative, long-term solutions. The Division's input has been invaluable and hopefully, the previous submittal incorporated most of the Division's suggestions. Although the scope of this task dwarfs U. S. Fuel's limited resources, I believe that solid headway is being made and the completion of this effort is in sight.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Watson

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President