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Subject: Willow Creek and Castle Gate Water Monitoring Data for 3rd Qtr 2008

April,

It was my pleasure to spend time with you last week as we toured the reclamation sites. As we discussed, I believe that my field testing instrument has not been reliable for conductivity and dissolved oxygen so I have instructed the lab (SGS in Huntington) to conduct these tests for me for the past few quarters. I have also had the lab test pH but have provided the field test data for pH as a comparison. We should determine if having the lab perform testing that is identified as field test data is a problem and if so I will find a way to have my instrument checked and calibrated; there is likely not time to have this done prior to the 4th Qtr. 2008 sampling. I checked with the SGS lab concerning instrument calibration and they do not perform this service. I also talked to the lab chemist, Domenic Ibanez, (domenic.ibanez@sgs.com) concerning the Cations / Anions Balance issue and he is looking into it. I also discussed with Domenic the issue of lab vs. field testing results and he said the lab data should be as valid as the field testing if not more so as a result of the controlled environment, however, this may or may not be the issue here.

I have uploaded the 3rd Qtr. Water monitoring data for the Castle Gate and Willow Creek permits for the 3rd Qtr. 2008. You will note that the Conductivity result indicates that the "Method" (SM2510) is not valid. The lab told me they recently changed over their computer system and in fact they do use the SM2510-B Method and it was just a typo on the coma delineated file.

Please give me a call at 435-650-2951 if you want to discuss these issues further.

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