

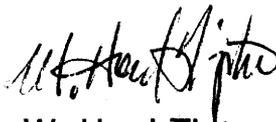


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From my review of the tabularized data contained in the permit, I find that sufficient information is available to meet the test discussed above and I therefore conclude that allowing the substitution of tabularized data for cross sections in this permit is not an abuse of your agency's discretion. Accordingly, I am reversing the determination of the AFO Director. However, as indicated in your letter, I would encourage you to review the tabularized data to ensure its accuracy with respect to all the diversion ditches referenced in this case.

Sincerely,



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