

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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STATE CAPITOL
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

Mr. Dick Stamets
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Division
Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. Stamets:

Pursuant to our conversation of July 9, 1985, I am revising my letter of May 15, 1985 to read as follows:

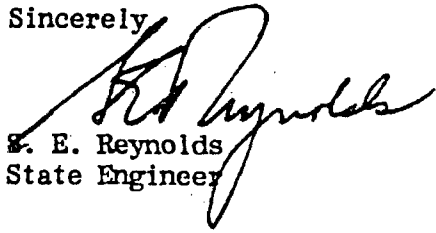
All underground waters in the State of New Mexico containing 10,000 milligrams/liter or less of dissolved solids are hereby designated by the State Engineer pursuant to Section 70-2-12-B.(15) NMSA, 1978; except that this designation shall not include any water for which there is no present or reasonably foreseeable beneficial use that would be impaired by contamination. This designation supersedes all previous designations pertaining to underground water.

The water in lakes and playas should not be contaminated even though they contain more than 10,000 milligrams/liter of total dissolved solids unless it can be shown that contamination of the lake or playa will not adversely affect ground water hydrologically connected to the lake or playa.

The surface waters of all streams within the State of New Mexico regardless of the quality of the water within any given reach are designated for protection.

The memorandum dated April 10, 1967, and the map mentioned therein which shows the areas and formations in which water of 10,000 parts per million or less commonly occur were furnished you in my May 15, 1985 letter.

Sincerely


S. E. Reynolds
State Engineer

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Before the OCC
Case 14255
OCD Exhibit 37