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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
7240 (NM21210)

JUN 15 2007

Mr. Matthew Bruff  
Altela, Inc.  
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Dear Mr. Bruff:

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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Farmington Field Office (FFO), supports Altela, Inc.'s alternative disposal treatment system of produced water. The proposed treatment sites have been identified as Yates Petroleum natural gas wells, Moncisco AZZ Federal #1, located in T. 25 N., R13 W., section 29 and Hone Mesa BAE Federal #1, located in T. 25 N., R. 13 W., section 35, which are located on Navajo Indian Trust Lands (Attachment 1). Please be advised that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is the Surface Managing Agency and their approval is required before any treatment process commences. BLM is also supportive of the Navajo Nation District 19 Land Board Resolution #001-5-07. Additionally, concurring approval may be required from the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) as well, before starting your proposed treatment process.

Additionally, the BLM is aware of Senator Bingaman's and Senator Domenici's recently introduced Senate Bill 1116, *More Water, More Energy, and Less Waste Act of 2007*. The FFO is certainly supportive of this type of legislation that would result in the reduction of truck traffic, dust and air pollution. However, we have not received, at this time, any guidance from our Washington Office counterparts concerning a grant program to test technologies that would convert produced water to usable water.

If you need additional information or have any question, you can reach Dale Wirth at (505) 599-6320.

Sincerely,

Dave Mankiewicz  
Assistant Field Manager for Minerals

cc:

Charlie Parrin, New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
Larry J. Bonney, Eastern Navajo Agency, District 19 Land Board

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