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July 22, 2008

Wayne Price
Bureau Chief of Enviroment
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RE: Laguna Gatuna Salt Water Disposal Bond

Dear Wayne:

I made an inspection trip to Laguna Gatuna yesterday and took some pictures which I am enclosing.

The old pit area is almost completely grown over in brush & grass. There is no seepage to the surface. There was minor areas where hydrocarbons were left on surface when pits were orginally closed, these have either been covered or grown over in grass & brush. Contrary to what Mr. Kieling said in his letter November 17, 2003, there has never been in seepage to surface or covered pits.

The tanks that are on location at this site are not treating plant tanks. There are just some old tanks giving to Snyder Ranches for later use for water storage. Since these lands are Snyder's fee simple lands we have every right to store these tanks in this area. These tanks will be cut up and used for drinking tubs at a later date. They have nothing to do with salt water disposal or treating plant.

There have been no disposal of oilfield brines at this location since May 1992 when EPA told Laguna Gatuna Inc. to cease its operations. There is no surface discharge from this area into Laguna Gutuna.

Maintenance of this SWD bond on this area since I am retired, has become a financial hardship. I would appreciate every consideration for releasing this bond.

Thank you.

Respectfully,


Larry C. Squires
President

cc: Cris Williams
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