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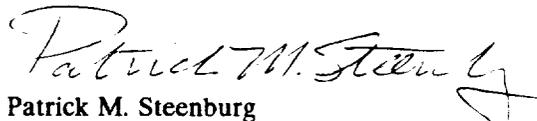
Mr. Eustice:

As per your request, RMI herein submits the following response to concerns raised by BLM in their letter dated 6/17/94.

1. As stated by BLM they view this concern as a compliance problem, not a permitting issue. RMI believes that with the inclusion of an anemometer with total shut-down capabilities, overspray will not be an issue.
2. RMI will utilize vacuum trucks to empty the pond if atmospheric conditions will not permit enhanced evaporation in the event of an emergency.
3. As stated, water will be delivered to the pond via pipeline, not trucked. In the winter months, with no evaporation system operational, site activity is expected to be no more than one vehicle per day. This will allow the operator to check the leak detection sumps and make sure that all fences and gates are secure.
4. Once again, as stated, RMI has willingly agreed to limit spring use as much as possible. RMI is working closely with the surface owner and we have discussed how the facility can be operated with minimal impacts on the local wildlife populations.
5. RMI will use water during the construction activities to minimize the possible increased sediment load to existing downstream ponds.

If you have any questions, or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me in Farmington at 505/327-5966.

Sincerely,
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