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Certified Mail-Return Receipt Requested

Ms. Lori Wrotenbery
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Case 12812

Re: Metropolis 'AZL' State Com #1
Application for Authorization to Inject

Dear Ms. Wrotenbery:

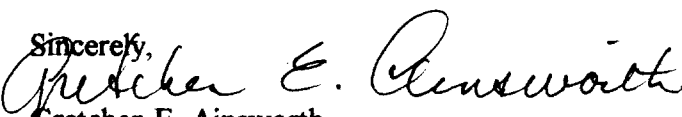
I am in receipt of a photocopy of a letter dated December 12, 2001 to you from Agave Energy Company Vice-President Paul Ragsdale concerning a pending form C-108 (Application for Authority to Inject) for the proposed Metropolis 'AZL' State Com #1 located in Unit K of Section 36-18S-25E, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Please be advised that the Proof of Notice based on Mr. Ragsdale's Attachment D to the letter bearing the same date to me is insufficient. Among its defects is the failure to include all leasehold operators within one-half mile of the well location.

Apart from this procedural deficiency, I object to the approval of the application and request a hearing before your agency to address the effects on the injection zone aquifers. The proposal threatens the integrity of all underground sources of drinking water and corresponding irreparable injury to these resources. Neither Agave, nor its parent, Yates Petroleum, have my permission to undertake this project, nor does my lease with Yates allow the proposed use. Indeed, to the extent that this proposal may encroach or otherwise directly or indirectly affect my property interests, I regard it as both a tortious conversion of my property as well as civil and criminal trespass. Neither Yates nor Agave propose any compensation for this unauthorized use.

I look forward to your response, and thank you for your noble public service.

Sincerely,


Gretchen E. Ainsworth

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