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December 31, 1985

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Mr. Truman Louderback  
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Rifle, CO 81650-2730

RE: Collins Draw Uranium ISL Project Research and Development License  
No. 3 RD

Dear Mr. Louderback:

This letter is in response to your letter of September 25, 1985 requesting reduction in monitoring at the Collins Draw site.

The Land Quality Division has reviewed your request and has made the following determinations:

1. It is not acceptable for CCIC to increase the upper control limits on wells currently being monitored. These values are based on baseline data for the wells and should not be altered at this time.
2. Parameters to be analyzed for should continue as previously indicated and should include total dissolved solids, carbonate, bicarbonate, sulfate, ammonium, ammonia, pH, arsenic, selenium and water level.
3. Frequency of monitoring may be reduced for the indicated wells (230, 238, 239, 240, 241, and 298). Land Quality would find it acceptable if wells were monitored on a monthly basis rather than every two weeks.

CCIC should continue to report any excursions that may occur at the site and submit plans to control and mitigate such excursions until such time as CCIC is released from liability at the site.

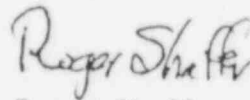
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I realize there has been considerable delay in responding to your September request. This delay occurred because Land Quality determined that significant issues concerning restoration of the groundwater at the Collins Draw site needed to be addressed prior to consideration of changes in the monitoring at the site. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger Shaffer".

Roger Shaffer  
Administrator

RS:klr

cc: Rick Engelmann  
Glenn Mooney  
Bill Kearney for NRC