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RE: Response Plan Accepted for Monitoring Well M-14,
San Luis Project, Permit No. M-1988-112

Dear Mr. Madrid:

On September 3, 2013, the Division received the proposed response plan regarding elevated TDS at monitoring well M-14, dated August 28, 2013. The response plan was submitted in accordance with the requirements of TR-32.

The Division has reviewed and approved the proposed response plan. Please proceed with the proposed micro purge sampling technique for M-14 with samples collected on a bi-monthly basis for the next 90 days, resulting in approximately 6 samples utilizing the micro purge sampling technique. Analytical results from this response plan will be compared to the historical analytical results and to verify if the TDS concentrations have stabilized utilizing the micro purge sampling method.

Please contact me at the Division's office in Durango at 691 County Road 233, Suite A-2, Durango, Colorado 81301, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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