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Dear Mr. Cunningham,

After observing the drilling results to-date from the first large scale well, our hydrologist is recommending that we not plug and abandon the two vertical wells, but rather maintain/convert them for monitoring purposes during at least the duration of the 12 month flow monitoring period required by the water decree, at a minimum, and then determine the position of the State Water Engineer and/or Water Court for further monitoring requirements, prior to completing the abandonment of either well. We will be abandoning the angle hole, per his recommendation, as soon as we receive the quote from Hydro and one other driller, to plug and abandon pursuant to the regulations. We anticipate that occurring in the next few weeks.

We have already plugged all three wells with an inflatable/temporary plug to stop the flow of surface water that was intermittently (apparently seasonally) emanating from each casing.

Please let me know if this course of action is acceptable to the Division to remedy the issue previously identified in your inspection.

Sincerely,

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