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Re: Postponing the April 1, 2018 due date for the action level report for the Mitigation Plan for Mitigation Order P-121-07, your letter of February 20, 2018

Dear Mr. Alday:

Thank you very much for the February 9, 2018 update on the expanded groundwater monitoring program. We are in the process of reviewing the modeling in the May 28, 2014 feasibility study to determine if we agree that the current data is insufficient to determine the velocity of the sulfate plume and location of the required sentinel wells. We hope to complete that review shortly and will communicate our conclusions after that review.

The Department agrees with a postponement of the April 1, 2018 due date in the Mitigation Plan. At this time, however, we cannot agree to postpone this determination till April 1, 2021. After we complete a review of the data contained in the feasibility study and meet with relevant stakeholders, we will contact you for discussions about a suitable amendment to the Mitigation Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Lelsz".

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