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February 11, 2015

Ms. Melody Smith
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Dear Ms. Smith:

We have reviewed the worst case reclamation cost calculations received February 6, 2015 as part of the application for Revision No. 7 to Permit ACPG-9701. The proposed minimum bond amount of \$875,334 was determined adequate for this permit area as modified by the revision. The current bond amount of \$1,092,445 is sufficient; however, the bond documents must be updated to include the 149.28 acres being added to the permit. This can be accomplished by completing form SFN 14500, Stipulation to Increase Surety Bond, which can be found on the Commission's website. The surety bond rider to increase the bond area only must be filed with the Commission before Revision No. 7 can be approved.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Deutsch".

James R. Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division

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