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Jay M. Volk, Ph. D
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Dear Mr. Volk:

The Reclamation Division has completed its review of the application for Revision 13 to Permit BNCR-9401 with regard to the worst-case reclamation cost estimate used to establish the minimum bond amount. The proposed worst-case reclamation cost of \$ 1,404,271 was determined adequate for the bond area covering Permit BNCR-9401. An additional bond or bond stipulation to increase Surety Bond No. 400JR3522 to at least this amount must be filed with the Commission before this revision can be approved.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James Deutsch
Director
Reclamation Division

cc: Pat Clement

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