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Mr. Jerry D. Olds, State Engineer
State of Utah, Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 146300
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6300

Re: Northeast Boundary Plume, Tooele Army Depot

Dear Mr. Olds,

At a public meeting on July 7, 2004 in Tooele, Utah, comments were requested regarding a proposed modification of the State Engineer's Tooele Valley Ground Water Management Plan. The State of Utah, through the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration ("Trust Lands Administration"), owns three adjoining parcels of land within the Tooele Army Depot Northeast Boundary Proposed Ground Water Management Area ("NEB-GWMA"), as shown on a map at the meeting. The parcels are located in Sections 7 and 18, T3S, R4W, SLB&M.

Trust Lands Administration does not support the concept in the Division of Water Rights' proposed amendment to the Tooele Valley Ground Water Management Plan that precludes any new wells within the proposed NEB-GWMA. Trust Lands Administration concurs with the Army's less restrictive proposal that no new culinary water wells be drilled within the proposed NEB-GWMA until the ground water meets accepted drinking water standards. This would allow for development of non-culinary water on our land, should the need arise in the future.

Trust Lands Administration supports the following language for a proposed amendment to the Tooele Valley Ground Water Management Plan:

Change applications seeking to move water rights into an area lying northeast of Tooele Army Depot in order to drill new wells for culinary use would not be approved. This is an area that includes parts of: SE ¼ Section 1, Section 12 and N ½ Section 13, T3S, R5W SLB&M, Section 7, SW ¼ Section 8, W ¼ Section 17, Section 18, Section 19, and NW ¼ Section 20, T3S, R4W, SLB&M. This policy may be revised if at a future date it is determined to be safe and not detrimental to the removal of contaminants from the ground water.

We appreciate having the opportunity for affected landowners to comment on the proposed modification of the Tooele Valley Ground Water Management Plan. Should any questions arise regarding our comments, please call me at (801) 538-5179.

Sincerely,

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