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Dear Mr. Davis:

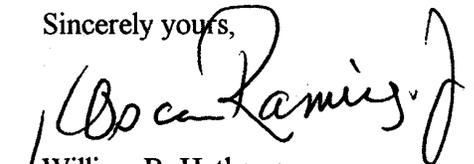
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to approve the fecal coliform TMDLs for Six Mile Creek, Cieneguilla Creek and Moreno Creek. In addition, these TMDLs are approved as an update to work element six of the New Mexico Water Quality Management Plan.

EPA received the final TMDL on November 29, 1999, accompanied by your letter dated November 10, 1999. We commend your staff for the considerable effort that went into developing and establishing these TMDLs.

It should be noted that the TMDL report has a fecal coliform loading curve for each stream. These curves are generated using equation 1 in the TMDL report. The loading curves are technically correct; however, Table 2 lists TMDL loads for each stream at a specific flow and these values are not consistent with equation 1. This should be corrected in future versions of the report.

Based on our review, detailed in the enclosed document, we conclude that the TMDLs meet the requirements found in Section 303 of the Clean Water Act and the implementing regulations at 40 CFR 130.7. If you would like to discuss these approvals, please contact me or Willie Lane of my staff at (214) 665-8460.

Sincerely yours,


William B. Hathaway
Director
Water Quality Protection Division

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