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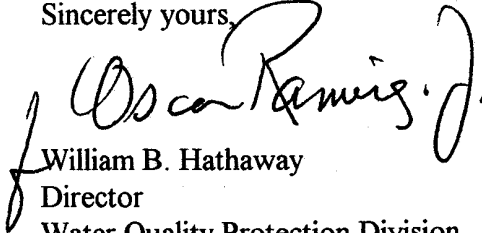
Dear Mr. Davis:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the document "*Total Maximum Daily Load for Turbidity, Stream Bottom Deposits, and Total Phosphorous on Cordova Creek*" and is pleased to approve the Cordova Creek TMDLs for turbidity, stream bottom deposits, and total phosphorous as updates to work element six of the New Mexico Water Quality Management Plan.

EPA received the final TMDLs 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.

Based on our review, detailed in the enclosed document, we conclude that the TMDLs listed above 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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