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To: Padilla, Cherie
Subject: Knife River permit information

Cherie,

Thank you for your phone call earlier today. I appreciate working with IDWR staff directly, rather than spending time writing letters back-and-forth. I thought I would summarize our discussion in this email message, so we both have a record for our files.

We discussed two concerns you have prior to issuing a license for permit 63-33077 (for the Amyx gravel pit). First, we discussed water right ownership. In this case the leasee (Knife River) holds a long-term lease for land owned by the Amyx Family Trust, and the Trust has agreed in writing to allow Knife River to drill a well and develop a water right on their land. It is our understanding the letter submitted by the Trust to IDWR on 7/19/2008 is sufficient to allow licensing of the permit in the name of the permittee (Knife River).

Secondly, you requested additional information to support the volume requested on the permit application and reported on the field exam. As we discussed, Knife River agreed to limit groundwater withdrawals at the Amyx site to no more than 92 acre-feet, in order to avoid a protest by United Water. We have asked Knife River to provide records of their water use at the site. We expect to receive copies of the records next week and will get them to you as soon as we can.

Thanks again for your time, have a wonderful weekend!

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