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RE: Water Right Permit 67-14279, Mellon
License Field Exam

Dear Ms. Kaufmann:

This letter is in response to your March 17, 2005 letter related to the Mellon Permit. The applicant has filed the necessary Proof of Beneficial Use by the due date, and has requested a field license examination over 2 years ago.

I would like to apologize for the Department's lack of response, but there are several factors that contribute to our lack of action. In the last couple of years, our Department has suffered several budget cutbacks, and had to set priorities for staff resources. Permit licensing activities have been reduced. Presently, our office priority is to conduct exams related to the completion of the Snake River Adjudication.

Once we have staff available, our office will contact your client representatives to schedule the field examination. Hopefully, we will be able to schedule the exam in next fall.

Thank you for your cooperation. Should you have any questions, please contact me at the Western Regional Office, phone 334-2190.

Sincerely,

John Westra, Manager
Western Region