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Mr. Neal Krull
California Regional Water Quality
Control Board (CRWQCB)
Colorado River Basin, Region 7
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Subject: Closure of the Geothermal Test Facility (GTF) Brine Pond

Dear Mr. Krull:

Pursuant to the requirements outlined in the CRWQCB Cleanup and Abatement Order No. 96-023, the United States Department of Energy (DOE), Oakland Operations Office has completed the restoration of the Brine Pond at the GTF. Under separate cover you will receive a Closure Report prepared by OHM Remediation Services Corp. Based on the completion of restoration activities, we are requesting the Regional Board rescind Cleanup and Abatement Order No. 96-023.

In addition, the DOE has complied with requirements of Waste Discharge Requirements Order 89-027 to close the Brine Pond. We are therefore requesting termination of the Order 89-027. It is the DOE's intent to return the GTF site to the site owner, the United States Bureau of Land Management. We would appreciate your timely resolution to these matters to facilitate this transfer.

Should you have any questions regarding these matters, please contact the undersigned at (510) 637-1568.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hemant Patel".

Hemant Patel
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