UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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July 29, 1991
Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company
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certified mail
P 347 392 542
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Re: Bluewater Uranium Mine Sites, EPA Order 91-16.

Dear Mr. Wagner:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") hereby issues written notice that you are a potentially responsible party under Section 107 of the Comprehensive, Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. 9601, et seq., ("CERCLA"). EPA has determined that there may be an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health or welfare or the environment because of the release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances located on the abandon Uranium Mines on Section 19, Township 13N, Range 10W of the Bluewater Quadrangle, approximately 5 miles West of Prewitt, New Mexico ("the Site").

The enclosed Order is issued by the EPA, pursuant to Section 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9606, to prevent or mitigate immediate and significant risk of harm to human health or the environment. The Order requires you to take immediate actions to contain and prevent the releases or potential releases of hazardous substances from the Site. Please note that you must orally inform EPA as to whether or not you will comply with the enclosed Order within three (3) calendar days of receipt of this Order. Failure to respond within the set time frame will be construed as a refusal to comply.

If you have any questions or concerns about this Order, please contact Robert Bornstein for technical concerns at (415) 744-2298 or Linda Wandres for legal concerns at (415) 744-1359.

Sincerely,

Jeff Zelikson, Director
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