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Mr. Todd Croft Supervisor Nevada Division of Environmental Protection 1771 East Flamingo – Suite 121A Las Vegas, NV 89119

Subject: 2005 AOC Monthly Progress Report for July 2005

Dear Mr. Croft,

This monthly progress report fulfills requirements laid out in the April 12, 2005 Administrative Order On Consent (2005 AOC) between the State of Nevada, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) and Kerr-McGee Chemical LLC (Kerr-McGee).

## Activities this month:

- Preliminary engineering and bid package development continued for perchlorate removal from AP-5
  pond. We expect to receive construction bids back from contractors by the end of August 2005. The
  bids will cover installing the new primary Fluidized Bed Reactor (FBR), supporting equipment for
  removing materials from the AP-5 pond, and the new effluent sand filter. A preliminary construction
  schedule will be available shortly.
- Options for washing perchlorate from insoluble materials in the AP-5 pond are being evaluated.
- Optimization options to improve bio-solid sludge dewatering are being pilot tested. A Prime Solutions
  rotary press yielded marginal results. A second pilot test using a Fournier rotary press is scheduled for
  late August.
- 4. Plans are underway for removal of the ion exchange equipment used early on in the perchlorate removal efforts. Remaining resin will be removed with equipment decommissioning / removal to follow. As a decommissioning schedule is developed, this will be transmitted to your office.

If you have questions or comments on this report, please call me at (702) 651-2234 or call Keith Bailey at (405) 270-3651. Thank you.

Sincerely.

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