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Mr. Robert Dunn
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Subject: Inadvertent Overrun Payback for Calendar Year 2007

Dear Mr. Dunn:

In 2004, the Bureau of Reclamation instituted a process to implement the Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy (IOPP). This implementation process specifically addresses the payback requirements contained in the Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement, signed October 10, 2003.

In accordance with the IOPP, the Gila Monster Farms (GMF) prepared an extraordinary water conservation plan that detailed a fallowing program to pay back 606 acre-feet of GMF's 2004 overrun during calendar year 2007. The Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Technical Committee (IOPTC) reviewed the plan and recommended its adequacy to Reclamation on September 14, 2006.

The IOPP obligates Reclamation to monitor the implementation of the extraordinary conservation measures contained in the payback plan. The IOPTC recommended that Reclamation perform a random inspection of 5 percent of the acres fallowed to verify that the measures were applied according to the 2007 GMF Extraordinary Conservation Plan. Verification included confirming that the fallowed areas have a history of recent irrigation and verifying that Colorado River water is not being nor has been applied to the fields during the fallowing period.

Of the 136.1 acres fallowed in the spring and fall, 6 fields totaling approximately 136.1 acres were visited to verify the implementation of the conservation measures. Enclosed for your information are the resulting reports (Spring 2007 and Fall 2007) that verify the

implementation of the planned water conservation measures. Reclamation credits 606 acre-feet to the payback of the 2004 overrun balance in calendar year 2007.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Steve Jones at 702-293-8186.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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