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CERTIFIED – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Robert Dunn
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Subject: Inadvertent Overrun Payback for 2008

Dear Mr. Dunn:

Effective January 1, 2004, the Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy (IOPP) established requirements for payback of any inadvertent overuse of Colorado River water by users in the Lower Division States. In accordance with the IOPP, Gila Monster Farms (Farm) prepared an Extraordinary Conservation Plan (Plan) that detailed a fallowing program to pay back 423 acre-feet of the Farm's 2006 overrun during calendar year 2008. The Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Technical Committee (IOPTC) reviewed the Plan and recommended its adequacy to the Bureau of Reclamation on November 15, 2007.

The IOPP obligates Reclamation to monitor the implementation of the extraordinary conservation measures contained in payback plans. The IOPTC recommended that Reclamation inspect 5 percent of the fallowed acres to validate that the measures were applied according to the 2008 Plan. Validation 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 130.7 acres fallowed during 2008, six fields representing 100 percent of the IOPP conservation activities were inspected to verify the implementation of the fallowing conservation measure.

Enclosed for your information are the reports that validate the implementation of the planned water conservation measures. Reclamation accredits 423 acre-feet to the payback of the Farm's 2006 overrun in calendar year 2008.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska at 702-293-8164.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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