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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Richard A. McKay
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Dear Mr. McKay:

In response to Reclamation's invitation to provide proposals for methods to consider for replacement or recovery of irrigation return flow currently being discharged to the Ciénega de Santa Clara in Mexico, you submitted a concept for creating water and power from solar salt-gradient ponds. Because of your desire to complete a field demonstration of the concept prior to a technical analysis, you have now requested—through e-mail messages of February 20, 2006 and March 17, 2006 and our telephone conversation on March 22, 2006—that Reclamation remove your solar salt-gradient pond proposal from active consideration.

We will respect that request by removing your proposal from the list of methods currently being analyzed. The technical review team (Mr. Remmers and others) will be asked to terminate any further evaluation of the technology you are proposing. Any future consideration for a Reclamation project will be contingent upon successful completion of the demonstration test you have planned.

We wish you well with your demonstration project and look forward to receiving any data that may be available at its completion. Thank you for your interest in our effort to replace or recover the bypass flow.

If you have any questions or need further information, you may call me at 702-293-8509.

Sincerely,

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