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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your continuing efforts in our program for authorizing exemptions for existing ponds and reservoirs. We know it has been a long and complicated process, and we appreciate your cooperation.

As indicated in our letters to you last November, we had previously received written comments indicating that your reservoir could be detrimental to fish or might cause injury to other water rights. You were provided an opportunity to submit additional information addressing those comments.

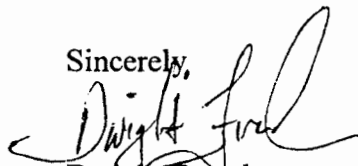
Since then, we have reviewed all the information available to us, and have determined that certain conditions are necessary to mitigate the potential harm to fish or other water rights. The enclosed Mitigation Order spells out the additional conditions we are proposing.

If you agree with these conditions, and comply with the Mitigation Order, the process will be complete.

If you disagree with this order, you may request a contested case hearing, and submit in writing your reasons why the order should be changed or rescinded. You may wish to submit maps or sketches to help us to better understand the particulars of your situation. Once we receive your request for a contested case hearing, we will contact you to discuss the situation and how we might be able to settle disagreements without holding a hearing. If we are unable to agree on a solution, we will schedule a contested case hearing at a time that is agreeable to both you and the Department. The appeal rights are described in more detail in the order enclosed.

Once again, thank you for your participation in this program. If you have any questions please call one of the water rights staff listed below. My extension number is 268.

Sincerely,



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Water Rights Section Manager

Enclosures

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