

EXHIBIT A



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Dale Hoffman-Floerke **DATE:** May 26, 2006
FROM: Ali Shahroody **JOB NO.:** 2091-2
RE: Concentric Lakes – Alternative 4

The Imperial Group appreciates the opportunity to review the project description for Alternative 4 (Concentric Lakes). We concur with the description of Alternative 4 and its operation as forth in your email of May 22, 2006. The description and assumptions for Alternative 4 are consistent with the February 20, 2006 and March 28, 2006 submittals from the Imperial Group.

However, we would like to clarify and expand the section under Exposed Playa for Alternative 4 (see page 2 of attachment to your email of 5/22/06). The data on management of the exposed playa is not conclusive. As stated in the Imperial Group submittal of 3/28/06 (Items 1.d, 3.a and 4.a), irrigation, such as sprinklers and drip, would be used to establish native vegetation for the purpose of air quality management. Once the native vegetations are established, irrigation may be discontinued based on data from on-site experimental works. If it becomes a necessity to provide permanent irrigation for air quality protection, about 60,000 acre-feet is allocated in the water balance under the Concentric Lakes for the irrigation of playa at an average rate of one acre-foot per acre. Water balance would be roughly as follows:

Evaporation (66.1 inches/year)	500,000 acre-feet
Irrigated Playa (1 af/ac)	60,000 acre- feet
Flow to Sink and Other Uses	<u>90,000 acre-feet</u>
	650,000 acre-feet

The irrigation water would be provided from the River Bypass Pipeline to bare lands between the lakes. Water from the creeks and Whitewater River could also contribute to the supply of irrigation water. Irrigation water would be distributed through pipelines and ditches.

Based on the above discussion, the section under the Exposed Playa is revised subject to your review. The revised section is presented below.

Exposed Playa

Alternative 4 includes ~~pipelines and~~ ditches constructed on the down-gradient side of the Geotube[®] Berms to provide water supply for irrigation of native vegetation. These facilities would be used for a ~~limited period (two years), and if necessary permanently,~~ after the Brine Sink recedes from the areas adjacent to the Geotube[®] Berms. It is anticipated that there may be minor areas with small plants that would grow between the Geotube[®] Berms where seepage may occur.

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Below the Fourth Lake, it is assumed that a salt crust would develop as the Brine Sink recedes. ~~High saline water from the Fourth Lake may be used (as spray water)~~ to maintain the salt crust.

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cc: Mike Morgan
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