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Dick Stamets
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Dear Mr. Stamets:

In response to your letter dated March 15, 1985, this is to advise you that all underground waters in the State of New Mexico containing 10,000 milligrams/liter or less of dissolved solids is hereby designated by the State Engineer pursuant to Section 70-2-12-B. (15) NMSA, 1978. This designation supercedes all previous designations pertaining to underground water.

The water in water table lakes should not be contaminated even though they contain more than 10,000 milligrams/liter of total dissolved solids unless it can be shown that contamination of the lake will not adversely affect the underground water hydrologically connected to the lake.

The surface waters of all streams within the State of New Mexico regardless of the quality of the water within any given reach should be protected.

For your information I am attaching a memorandum dated April 10, 1967, and the map mentioned therein which shows the areas and formations in which water of 10,000 parts per million or less commonly occur. This is the same information which was submitted to your office by Frank Irby on April 13, 1967.

Sincerely,

S. E. Reynolds
State Engineer

By: *M. B. Compton*
M. B. Compton, Chief
Water Rights Division

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