

**Responses to Comments in Letter USR13 from
Darryl Ehlers, United States Resident**

*Note: The responses listed below are numbered to correspond to the numbers shown
in the right-hand margin of the preceding comment letter.*

1. Robinson and Noble has conducted hydrogeologic investigations of the city's well fields for both the city and for the applicant. Based on the firm's studies, groundwater withdrawals for this facility would result in a relatively minor drawdown of the aquifer, and only in the immediate vicinity of the city's well fields. As described in the SEIS, the applicant has agreed to monitor groundwater levels before and after the increased pumping in all private wells (for which they are granted access) within 1 mile of the pumping wells (or a larger area if additional aquifer testing indicates a potential for impacts) to evaluate whether any wells are adversely affected. The applicant would then propose mitigation for those impacts for review by EFSEC. However, based on the hydrologic characteristics of the aquifer, it is very unlikely that there would be any significant impact beyond a distance of 1 mile.
2. This comment is outside the scope of this SEIS.
3. Comment acknowledged.