



Defendants own and operate mining and sand and gravel operations that have used  
considerably more water historically than is represented in the proposed Consent  
Order. Pursuant to a plan, we have also diligently been placing water to beneficial use.  
(Attach additional pages if necessary)

I (We) made a good faith effort to resolve my (our) disagreement with the Consent Order proposed by the United States and the State by:  
(describe) Through our attorney, we have been in contact with the US's attorney, providing  
him with additional information regarding water use for mining and sand and gravel  
operations historically used from the wells on our property.

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

I (We) claim no right for the water right(s) described by the proposed Consent Order for Subfile Number ZRB-1-0148 because:  
(explain) Not applicable.

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

I (We) understand that by making this claim and filing this document I (we) am (are) not waiving my (our) rights to later raise, in an Amended Answer, any jurisdictional or affirmative defenses I (we) may have.

**(Instructions:** Each named defendant, or the defendant’s attorney, must sign and date this Answer. **If you are represented in this case by an attorney, your Answer must be filed by your attorney.** If multiple defendants are named and you have separate addresses or telephone numbers, please attach an additional page providing address information for each defendant. If you are signing on behalf of a named defendant, you must indicate the source of your legal authority to do so and provide both your address and the address of the named defendant.)

Signature(s) – **WALTER V. MEECH JR. OR NORMA M. MEECH**

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**IMPORTANT: Within 20 days of January 28, 2020, you must EITHER accept the last Consent Order offered by the United States and the State for Subfile ZRB-1-0148 OR file an answer in this Subfile with the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico. Any right you may have to use waters of the stream system may be adjudicated by default judgment in conformity with the Consent Order proposed by the United States and the State if you fail to accept the proposed Consent Order or file an answer within 20 days of January 28, 2020. Answers may be mailed to the Clerk of Court at 333 Lomas Blvd NW, Ste. 270, Albuquerque, NM 87102.**