The Bureau of Reclamation announced today that work can and will proceed immediately on its plans to build a dam and reservoir at the bureau's proposed site near Ruedi on the Frying Pan River in the Fryingpan Arkansas Project.

The bureau made its announcement after a special three-man board of consulting geologists unanimously reported to the bureau on September 13 that it would be safe to go ahead with construction of the controversial Ruedi dam and reservoir site.

The special three-man board reviewed the site and core drillings from the site last week after it was appointed by the bureau on September four to make a determination about the adequacy of the Ruedi site. The bureau of reclamation geologists in May concluded that the Ruedi site was adequate, but a committee of Rocky Mountain association of geologists on August 26th called the Ruedi site unsuitable.

Helene C Monberg
THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE.

RESERVOIR, CHENOWETH SAID. ALL OTHER AFFECTED MEMBERS OF THE COLORADO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WERE OUT OF TOWN AND WERE NOT AVAILABE FOR COMMENTS HERE.

HELENE C. MONBERG;
IN THEIR SEPTEMBER THIRTEEN REPORT TO THE BUREAU OF THREE MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF CONSULTING GEOLOGISTS SAID THAT THEY "CONSIDER THAT A SATISFACTORY RESERVOIR CAN BE OBTAINED WITH A DAM AT THE RUEDI SITE ON THE FRYINGPAN RIVER" THEY SAID THEY CAME TO THIS CONCLUSION ON FOUR GROUNDS: THAT THE GROUND WATER LEVEL RISES AWAY FROM THE VALLEY FLOOR ON BOTH SIDES, THAT THERE ARE NATIONAL BARRIERS AGAINST THE FREE PASSAGE OF WATER IN THE RESERVOIR AREA, THAT ESCAPING WATER MUST TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES IN ANY DIRECTION TO REACH LOWER ELEVATIONS, AND THAT THERE ARE COMPARATIVELY IMPERVIOUS LAYERS INTERMINGLED IN THE ROCK SECTION OF THE RESERVOIR SITE TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE LEAKAGE FROM THE RESERVOIR.

MEMBERS OF THE THREE-MAN BOARD WERE B.C. MONEYMAKER, KNOXVILLE TENNESSEE, CHIEF GEOLOGIST FOR THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY; FRANK A. NICKELL OF SAN MATEO CALIFORNIA AND THOMAS F. THOMPSON OF BURLINGAME, CALIFORNIA BOTH PRIVATE CONSULTING GEOLOGISTS.