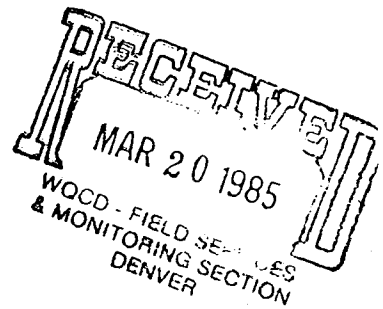
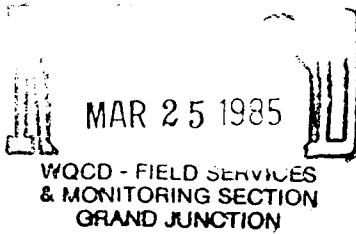


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INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

TO: Ray Mohr, Air Pollution Control Division  
FROM: Bill McKee, Water Quality Control Division *W.A.M.*  
DATE: March 19, 1985  
SUBJECT: Population Projections and 208 Plan - Mesa County

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In response to your request for information, we would like to comment on the 208 water quality plan for this area and the population projections you sent us.

The 208 water quality plan was certified by the Governor 12/23/80 and approved by EPA Region VIII on 2/5/81. However, the 208 plan has not been updated since then and the population projections are essentially outdated. The 208 plan shows a population for Grand Junction in the year 2000 of 61,281. The projection for all of Mesa County is 161,266. However, the assumptions made about growth back in 1979 and 1980 are questionable now.

The latest computer model ran from the State Demographer projects the year 2000 population of Mesa County as 160,507. This is close to the projections on the sheet you sent us and the 208 plan. We also looked at the projection from the CDH Energy Impact Study of March, 1983. Those projections are lower than the 208 plan or the State Demographer's.

The way things are going with the economy in the Grand Junction area, it may well be that all these projections are high. But various sources show Mesa County at around 160,000 people by 2000. We will continue to go with these numbers until something more recent comes along.

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