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July 20, 1993

BCO, Inc.
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Santa Fe, NM 87501

RE: Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico

To Whom It May Concern:

New Mexico Oil Conservation Order R-8952 (for the protection of migratory birds) became effective June 15, 1989 and states that all pits and open top tanks more than 16' in diameter shall be screened, netted or covered. Field inspections conducted by Jackie Neckels from the BLM revealed that several BCO pits listed on the attached paper require compliance.

Exception to the order may be requested for pits which do not generally contain hydrocarbons, by filing Form C-134. No requests for exceptions have been received in this office for these dry pits. Also noted on the attached list are several unnetted pits which contained fluid and/or hydrocarbons.

You are hereby directed to submit exceptions for all dry pits to this office by August 20, 1993 and remove all fluid and properly net the remaining pits by September 3, 1993. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 505-334-6178.

Sincerely,

Dianna K. Fairhurst

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Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

xc: Well File
C-134 File
Jackie Neckels - BLM

Inspected 5/27/93

1. Separator earthen pit contained water only, no net. Requires a C-134 exception.

Inspected 5/25/93

1. Large earthen pit approximately 24'x15' contained water and hydrocarbons with heavily stained soils around pit, no net. Requires cleaning and netting.

Inspected 5/25/93

1. Old earthen pit behind production tank, no longer in use filled with sage, no net. Pit needs to be scheduled for closing, until such time requires a C-134 exception.

Inspected 5/25/93

1. Separator earthen pit contained water and fencing material, no net. Requires cleaning and netting.

Inspected 6/8/93

1. Earthen pit below wellhead dry, no net. Pit is no longer in use and needs to be scheduled for closing, until such time requires a C-134 exception.
2. Separator/Production Tank contained water and hydrocarbons, no net. Requires cleaning and netting.

Inspected 6/8/93

1. Separator earthen pit contained hydrocarbons, no net. Requires cleaning and netting.
2. Production Tank/Compressor earthen pit contained hydrocarbons, no net. Requires cleaning and netting.

Inspected 6/8/93

1. Separator/Production Tank earthen pit contained water and paraffin skim, no net. Requires cleaning and netting.

Inspected 6/8/93

1. Separator earthen pit contained water and paraffin skim, no net. Requires cleaning and netting.

Inspected 6/8/93

1. Abandoned pit contained some standing water only, no longer in use and needs to be scheduled for closing, until such time requires a C-134 exception.