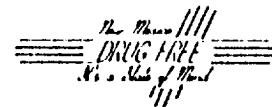




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Mr. John Corbett
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RE: Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico
Renate Hixon #1, J-21-25N-12W (1 pit)
South Bisti Well 21-H, E-21-25N-12W (2 pits)
Adelaide Hixon #1, L-22-25N-12W (2 pits)
South Bisti Coal 22 #2, L-22-25N-12W (1 pit)
Carson Unit #324-14, N-14-25N-12W (1 pit)
Carson Unit #342-15, H-15-25N-12W (1 pit)
Carson 10 #323, N-10-25N-12W (1 pit)

Dear Mr. Corbett:

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 reveal that the above mentioned pits require compliance.

Exceptions 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 pits.

You are hereby directed to submit exceptions to this office by December 1, 1992. A C-134 has been enclosed for your convenience.

If you have any questions please feel free to call this office.

Sincerely,

Dianna K. Fairhurst

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Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

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