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December 14, 1993

Mr. Glen Papp
Field Superintendent
Union Oil Company of California
3300 N. Butler Avenue, Suite 200
Farmington, NM 87401

RE: Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico
Rincon Unit #301, M-25-27N-07W
Rincon Unit #286, ~~E~~-26-27N-07W - M
Rincon Unit #287, M-27-27N-07W
Rincon Unit #293, G-35-27N-07W
Rincon Unit #292, K-35-27N-07W
Rincon Unit #274, H-36-27N-07W
Rincon Unit #273, K-36-27N-07W

Dear Mr. Papp:

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 Denny Foust on September 9, 1993 revealed that above mentioned dry separator pits 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.

You are hereby directed to submit exceptions to this office by December 28, 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

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C-134 File
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