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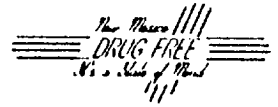
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February 15, 1993

Mr. Rick Renick
Arco Oil and Gas Co.
1816 E. Mojave
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RE: Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico
Schlosser Federal WN #3, A-27-28N-11W (Separator pit)
Schlosser Federal WN #8E, F-27-28N-11W (Separator pit)

Dear Mr. Renick:

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 tanks more than 16' in diameter shall be screened, netted or covered.

On February 11, 1993 field inspections revealed that the above mentioned pits contained water with skim oil (see enclosed copies). In order for these pits to be in compliance, you are hereby directed to remove all oil or net these pits by March 15, 1993.

I am returning the unapproved C-134's for the #3 and #8E pits previously filed on September 1, 1989. Arco may reapply for a variance once the pits are returned to compliance.

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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