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ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION  
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AZTEC DISTRICT OFFICE

ANITA LOCKWOOD  
CABINET SECRETARY



1000 RIO BRAZOS ROAD  
AZTEC, NEW MEXICO 87410  
(505) 334-6178

December 10, 1993

Mr. Tom McMillan  
Production Superintendent  
Gas Company of New Mexico  
PO Box 1899  
Bloomfield, NM 87413

RE: Illegal Pits in Northwestern New Mexico  
SRC Childers #1, N-01-31N-11W  
MOI McCord #4E, D-22-30N-13W

Dear Mr. McMillan:

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.

Field inspections conducted by Charles Gholson on December 9, 1993 revealed that the above mentioned pits still contained water with hydrocarbon skim. GCNM was directed to clean or net the McCord #4E pit by August 9, 1993 and the Childers #1 pit by September 23, 1993. In order for these pits to be in compliance, you are hereby directed to net these pits by December 24, 1993.

Your failure to respond to this second request may result in fines or other appropriate measures. If you have any questions please feel free to call this office.

Sincerely,

*Dianna K. Fairhurst*

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Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

xc: C-134 File  
Well File  
Don Ellsworth - BLM Farmington

Submit 4 Copies  
to Appropriate  
District Office

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-134  
Aug. 4, 1989

DISTRICT I  
P.O. Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 88241-1980

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

P.O. Box 2088

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

DISTRICT II  
P.O. Drawer OD, Arama, NM 88211-0719

Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(For Division Use Only)

DISTRICT III  
1000 Rio Grande Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO DIVISION ORDER R-8952  
FOR PROTECTION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS Rule 8(b), Rule 105(b), Rule 312(h), Rule 313, or Rule 711

Operator Name: Sunterra Gas Gathering Company

Operator Address: Box 1899, Bloomfield, NM 87413

Lease or Facility Name SPC Childers #1 Location N 01-31-11  
Ut. Ltr. Sec. Twp. F

Size of pit or tank: Approx. 10' x 10' x 6' deep

Operator requests exception from the requirement to screen, net or cover the pit or tank at the above-described facility.

☒ The pit or tank is not hazardous to migratory waterfowl. Describe completely the reason pit is non-hazardous.

Pit contains no hydrocarbons or oil.

1) If any oil or hydrocarbons should reach this facility give method and time required for removal:

Pumped out by truck and properly disposed of within 24 hours.

2) If any oil or hydrocarbons reach the above-described facility the operator is required to notify the appropriate District Office of the OCD with 24 hours.

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Operator proposes the following alternate protective measures:

OIL CON. DIV.  
DIST. 3

**CERTIFICATION BY OPERATOR:** I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature [Signature] Title Production Superintendent Date 3/5/90  
Printed Name Ron Reynolds Telephone No. (505) 632-3311

FOR OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION USE

12/9/93 CG - STILL IN SAME CONDITION

Date Facility Inspected 8/18/93

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

Inspected by EB

Title \_\_\_\_\_

NOT APPROVED

Date \_\_\_\_\_

1 BBL WATER AND SKIM OIL-