# **GW - 014**

# RESCISSION OF DISHARGE PERMIT (Transfer to AP-110)

2012

### Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD Tuesday, February 14, 2012 2:45 PM Lackey, Johnny OCD February 9, 2012 Letter w/ Reference to GW-032

Johnny:

Good afternoon. I was not involved in the review of the above subject letter that included GW-032, but please disregard the reference to GW-032. The OCD meant to only address GW-014 under Navajo.

Please contact me if you have questions. Thank you.

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## **FEBRUARY 9, 2012**

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Dear Mr. Lackey:

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Previously, Navajo Refining has conducted abatement of ground water contamination at these facilities under the authority of its WQCC Discharge Permits, pursuant to 20.6.2.4000 NMAC (PREVENTION AND ABATEMENT OF WATER POLLUTION). OCD has determined that Navajo does not intentionally discharge at these two facilities; therefore, no WQCC Discharge Permit is required. However, because of existing ground water contamination at these facilities, OCD is requiring Navajo to continue to abate pollution of ground water pursuant to 19.15.30 NMAC (REMEDIATION). The new Abatement Plan case number for the former GW-014 site is AP-110.

Because these WQCC Discharge Permits will now longer be in effect, you may be required to obtain separate OCD permit(s) for other processes at your facility, such as: pits, ponds, impoundments, below-grade tanks; waste treatment, storage and disposal operations; and landfarms and landfills. OCD will determine if any of these existing processes may require a separate permit under OCD's Oil, Gas, and Geothermal regulations. If OCD determines that a separate permit(s) is required, then a letter will be sent to you indicating what type of permit is required.

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Please keep in mind, if your facility has any discharges that would require a WQCC Discharge Permit now or in the future, then you will be required to renew or obtain a WQCC Discharge Permit.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Glenn von Gonten at 505-476-3488.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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