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November 17, 2008

Ed Hansen
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**RE: Tank Cleaning Activities at the Thriftway Refinery, 626 County Road 5500,
Bloomfield, San Juan County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Hansen:

As a follow-up to our telephone conversation on November 12, 2008, Animas Environmental Services, LLC (AES), on behalf of Thriftway Company (Thriftway), has temporarily stopped tank cleaning activities at the Thriftway Refinery due to cold weather conditions and the lack of available hot-oil trucks to complete the project in a cost-effective manner. As we discussed, AES will resume tank cleaning activities in early May 2009, utilizing the same subcontractors, and all recovered crude oil will be transported to the Western Refining Bloomfield, New Mexico, facility.

A summary of tank cleaning activities which have been completed includes:

- Tank cleaning operations were completed from September 29, 2008, through October 28, 2008.
- Tanks #11, #12, #13, and #14, which are the four largest tanks, have been cleaned and are empty.
- A total of 285 barrels of diesel fuel, supplied by Western Refining, were used to facilitate the removal of crude oil from the tanks.
- A total of 2,498 barrels of crude oil were removed from the four tanks and transported to the Western Refining Bloomfield, New Mexico, facility for processing.

If you have any questions, please call me at (505) 564-2281.

Sincerely,

Ross Kennemer
Project Manager



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Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD

From: Blaine Watson [bwatson@animasenvironmental.com]
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2008 10:30 AM
To: Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD
Subject: Thriftway Refinery/Bloomfield, NM

Attachments: Figure 1 General Site Plan.pdf



Figure 1 General
Site Plan.pdf...

Hello Mr. Hansen-

Please see the attached pdf illustrating the planned monitor well locations for the upcoming site investigation work at the former Thriftway Refinery in Bloomfield, NM.

I look forward to seeing you at the site sometime in the next couple weeks. If you can, please let me know when you think you'll be coming. This way, in the event we have changed our schedule and won't be drilling on the day(s) you plan to visit, you can avoid making a trip when we aren't working.

Regards,
Blaine

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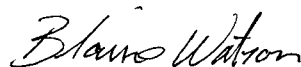
**RE: Project Notification of Site Characterization Activities at the Thriftway
Refinery, 626 County Road 5500, Bloomfield, San Juan County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Hansen:

This letter serves as project notification that Animas Environmental Services, LLC (AES), on behalf of Thriftway Company (Thriftway), has scheduled site characterization fieldwork to install soil borings and monitor wells at the Thriftway Refinery (site), located at 626 County Road 5500, Bloomfield, San Juan County, New Mexico.

Work has been tentatively scheduled to begin on Monday, November 17, 2008 and should continue through the first week of December. Blaine Watson will be the AES Project Manager on-site. Mr. Watson can be reached on his cell phone at (217) 621-6010 while in the field or through our office at (505) 564-2281.

Sincerely,



Blaine Watson, P.G.

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PHONE NUMBER: 505-476-3489**SENDER'S REFERENCE NUMBER:****RE: THRIFTWAY REFINERY****YOUR REFERENCE NUMBER:**

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Mr. Hansen-

Please see the attached letter for notification of upcoming site investigation work related to the former Thriftway Refinery in Bloomfield, NM. Please contact me or Ross Kennemer if you have any questions.

Regards,
Blaine Watson



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November 12, 2008

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Blaine Watson'. The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Blaine Watson, P.G.

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September 29, 2008

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

RE: Project Notification of Site Characterization Activities at the Thriftway Refinery, 626 County Road 5500, Bloomfield, San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Hansen:

This letter serves as project notification that Animas Environmental Services, LLC (AES), on behalf of Thriftway Company (Thriftway), has scheduled site characterization activities, including advancing test pits and collecting soil samples at the Thriftway Refinery (site), located at 626 County Road 5500, Bloomfield, San Juan County, New Mexico.

Work has been tentatively scheduled to begin on Wednesday, October 1, 2008. Ross Kennemer will be the AES Project Manager on-site, and he can be reached at (505) 486-1776.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth D. McNally
Elizabeth McNally, P.E.

Cc: Robert Moss
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Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD

From: Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2008 11:31 AM
To: 'Elizabeth McNally'; 'Robert Moss'
Subject: RE: Discharge Permit (GW055) Renewal Application Administratively Complete

Bob and Beth,

Condition #22 would allow for an extension beyond 2011 if adequate financial assurance is provided for any remaining demolition or restoration that still needs to be completed on May 9, 2011. This would include any groundwater remediation still required at that time. Therefore, you will probably have to renew the discharge permit in 2011. Hopefully, that would be the final permit renewal. However, a schedule for the remaining remediation with an appropriate cost estimate for the remaining groundwater remediation will be required at that time.

In any event the bulk of the demolition and surface restoration should be completed by May 9, 2011. (This will save you from financial assurance for that portion of the restoration.)

Also, under Condition #22 you will be required to submit a plan to the OCD for the demolition and restoration (probably by early September, assuming that this permit renewal is issued in early June).

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Edward J. Hansen
Hydrologist
Environmental Bureau
505-476-3489

From: Elizabeth McNally [mailto:emcnally@animasenvironmental.com]
Sent: Monday, May 05, 2008 12:25 PM
To: 'Robert Moss'; Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD
Subject: RE: Discharge Permit (GW055) Renewal Application Administratively Complete

Hi Bob and Ed:

I reviewed the Draft Permit, and with regard to #22 and completion of site restoration – I agree that it is unlikely that the site will be remediated and restored by 2011. If we have to renew the permit in 2011, would we just detail the status of work and give an estimate of when the work would be completed? If we have to do at least 2 years of compliance monitoring before reaching closure, that would give us until next year to get the site investigated and fully remediated (unlikely). Please call me with any questions, comments.

Thanks, Beth McNally

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From: Robert Moss [mailto:rgmoss@redmesa.com]

5/6/2008

Sent: Friday, May 02, 2008 4:33 PM

To: 'Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD'

Cc: 'Elizabeth McNally'

Subject: RE: Discharge Permit (GW055) Renewal Application Administratively Complete

Mr. Hansen:

Thank you for sending me the information regarding our Discharge Permit Application.

I do have some concerns regarding Item #22 of the Draft Permit. Based on my discussions with our environmental consultant, I know we will need to better define the scope of the contamination with additional monitor wells, there will be a pilot study of the anticipated remediation method, and then, of course, the remediation process and follow up monitoring. While there are still a lot of unknowns in the equation, I have my doubts that all restoration work can be completed by May 9, 2011. I have cc'd Beth McNally with Animas Environmental, our consultant, to get her input as well.

I realize the permit expires on May 9, 2011, but I didn't know if the language in Item #22 is at all negotiable.

Please let me know your thoughts. Thank you.

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From: Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD [<mailto:edwardj.hansen@state.nm.us>]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 6:10 PM

To: rgmoss@redmesa.com

Subject: Discharge Permit (GW055) Renewal Application Administratively Complete

Dear Mr. Moss:

The submitted discharge permit application for the Thriftway Company – Bloomfield Refinery has been determined to be **administratively complete**.

I have attached the **Administratively Complete Letter**, **Draft Permit**, and **OCD Public Notice** for your records.

Please see the Administratively Complete Letter for instructions for the public notice you are required to give.

Also, please note item #22 of the Draft Permit.

Let me know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Edward J. Hansen
Hydrologist
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505-476-3489

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P.S.: Condition #20 will be removed since I just received the Annual Report today.

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Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD

From: Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 9:39 AM
To: 'rgmoss@redmesa.com'
Subject: Renewal for Discharge Permit GW-055 (for Thriftway Bloomfield Refinery)
Attachments: Renewal WQCC Notice Regs.pdf; Discharge Plan App Form.pdf; Guidelines For Discharge Plans.pdf; PN Flow Chart.20.6.2renewal.pdf

Dear Discharge Permit (GW-055) Holder (Bob Moss):

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division's (OCD) records indicate that your discharge permit has expired. New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission regulations (WQCC) Section 3106.F (20.6.2.3106.F NMAC) specifies that if a discharger submits a discharge permit renewal application at least 120 days before the discharge plan expires and is in compliance with the approved plan, then the existing discharge permit will not expire until the application for renewal has been approved or disapproved. You may be operating without a permit. Please submit a permit renewal application, identifying any changes and updates, with a filing fee (20.6.2.3114 NMAC) of \$100.00 plus the permit fee of \$8400.00. Since the permit has been expired since May 9, 2006, the OCD is requiring that the permit renewal application, filing fee and permit fee (a total of **\$8500.00**) be submitted by **February 29, 2008**, in order for Thriftway Company to avoid a fine. Please make all checks payable to the **Water Quality Management Fund** and addressed to the OCD Santa Fe Office. An application form and guidance document is attached in order to assist in expediting this process.

In accordance with the public notice requirements (Subsection A of 20.6.2.3108 NMAC) of the newly revised (July 2006) WQCC regulations, "...to be deemed administratively complete, an application shall provide all of the information required by Paragraphs (1) through (5) of Subsection F of 20.6.2.3108 NMAC and shall indicate, for department approval, the proposed locations and newspaper for providing notice required by Paragraphs (1) through (4) of Subsection B or Paragraph (2) of Subsection C of 20.6.2.3108 NMAC." You are required to provide the information specified above in your permit renewal application submittal. Attached are a flow chart and the regulatory language pertaining to the new WQCC public notice requirements for your convenience. After the application is deemed administratively complete, the revised public notice requirements of 20.6.2.3108 NMAC must be satisfactory demonstrated to OCD. OCD will provide public notice pursuant to the revised WQCC notice requirements of 20.6.2.3108 NMAC to determine if there is any public interest.

Please contact me by phone 505-476-3489 or email <mailto:edwardj.hansen@state.nm.us> if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Hansen
Hydrologist
Environmental Bureau

1/31/2008