



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Mr. Larry Gandy
Gandy Marley, Inc.
P.O. Box 1658
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September 17, 2004

Mark E. Fesmire, P.E.
Director
Oil Conservation Division

Dear Mr. Gandy:

Since the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) promulgated Rule 50 covering pits and below-grade tanks, there has arisen a need, in certain circumstances, for operators to transport their drill cuttings off-site and dispose of them.

NMOCD Rule 711, as it pertains to landfarms, does not specifically address the issue of exempt oilfield wastes that may be contaminated with salts. Your landfarm application and permit were written with only hydrocarbon-contaminated soils in mind. Salt-contaminated wastes cause the following problems:

1. Lessening the effectiveness of the biodegradation capacity of your landfarm
2. Rapid leachability causing adverse effects on groundwater

If you want to accept salt-contaminated cuttings or any other salt-contaminated wastes, your 711 permit must be modified to ensure that your acceptance of those wastes will not adversely affect public health or the environment.

Please check one of the following:

☐ I have accepted or intend to accept salt-contaminated wastes in my landfarm. An OCD form C-137, applying for a modification to my 711 permit is attached. Included, as an attachment, is a demonstration that the accepted salt-contaminated soils will not adversely affect groundwater in the foreseeable future. (Closure requirements will also require modification to ensure the protection of groundwater. Should your acceptance of salt-contaminated wastes prove detrimental to groundwater, future liability for such damage rests with the landfarm operator).

☐ I do not intend to accept salt-contaminated wastes in my landfarm. Should this condition change, I will submit an OCD Form C-137 for a modification to my 711 permit at that time.

New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Attn: Ed Martin
1220 S. St. Francis
Santa Fe, NM 87505

This letter must be returned to the above address no later than October 31, 2004. An extension of time may be granted if you contact this office no later than that date.

If you have any questions, contact Ed Martin (505) 476-3492 or emartin@state.nm.us

Signed _____

Date _____

Oil Conservation Division * 1220 South St. Francis Drive * Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
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Case Nos. 13454 & 13455

CRI Exhibit No. 3

Hearing Date: March 25, 2004

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Regulations, the following application has been submitted to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division, 2040 South Pacheco, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, Telephone (505) 827-7131:

Gandy Marley, Inc., Hart M. Greenwood, III, Agent, 1109 E. Broadway, P.O. Box 827, Tatum, New Mexico, 88267, has submitted an application to construct and operate a Rule 711 commercial landfarm facility for remediation of hydrocarbon contaminated soils. The proposed facility is located in the SW/4 of Section 4, SE/4 of Section 5, NE/4 of Section 8, NW/4 of Section 9, Township 11 South, Range 31 East, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico. The facility is proposed to consist of a 154 acre land management area where only solids classified as "non-hazardous" oilfield waste by RCRA Subtitle C exemption or by characteristic testing will be spread on the ground surface in six inch lifts or less and periodically stirred to enhance biodegradation of contaminants. No liquids will be allowed to be accepted for disposal at the facility. Ground water most likely to be affected by an accidental release is at a depth of 150 feet with a total dissolved solids concentration of approximately 4920 mg/l. The permit application addresses the construction, operation, spill/leak prevention and monitoring procedures to be utilized at the facility site.

Any interested person may obtain further information from the Oil Conservation Division and may submit written comments to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division at the address given above. The application may be viewed at the above address between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Prior to ruling on any proposed application, the Director of the Oil Conservation Division shall allow at least thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice during which comments may be submitted to him and public hearing may be requested by any interested person. Request for public hearing shall set forth the reasons why a hearing shall be held. A hearing will be held if the director determines that there is significant public interest.

If no hearing is held, the Director will approve or disapprove the application based on the information available. If a public hearing is held, the Director will approve the application based on the information in the application and information presented at the hearing.

GIVEN under the Seal of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this 3rd day of November, 1994.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION


WILLIAM J. LEMAY, Director