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To: Randall Hicks

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Subject: RE: Arco Federal

Mr. Hicks,

The spill occurred Sept. 30, 2010. By the end of the month we will have been postponing the remediation for a year. This will not happen again. An extension of the Written Orders can only be granted if forward progress on the spill cleanup in question is underway. In our conversations you suggested that the State was indicating or leaning toward an approval of the burial, and that you should be able to get started prior to the due date. In a recent conversation with the State, we're getting just the opposite. Waiting for the State to change policy, is not progress. On the ground activity would be considered progress. I will provide an extension of ten days (notify Terry prior to start) to start the excavation of the referenced contaminants. This will have to be done in either case. The material must be stockpiled on a plastic liner. Upon removal of the contaminants the excavation will be backfilled and the surface restored to a condition as specified in the Written Order. This work is to be completed by the end of September. This work would have to be done in either case. By the end of September the stockpiled contaminants will either, be deep buried as per our approved procedure, or transported to an approved facility. Failure to start the excavation within the ten day will result in the issuance of INC. If any questions, please get back to me.

J. Amos

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Exhibit No. 11  
Submitted by:  
**SOUTHWEST ROYALTIES, INC.**  
Hearing Date: September 29, 2011